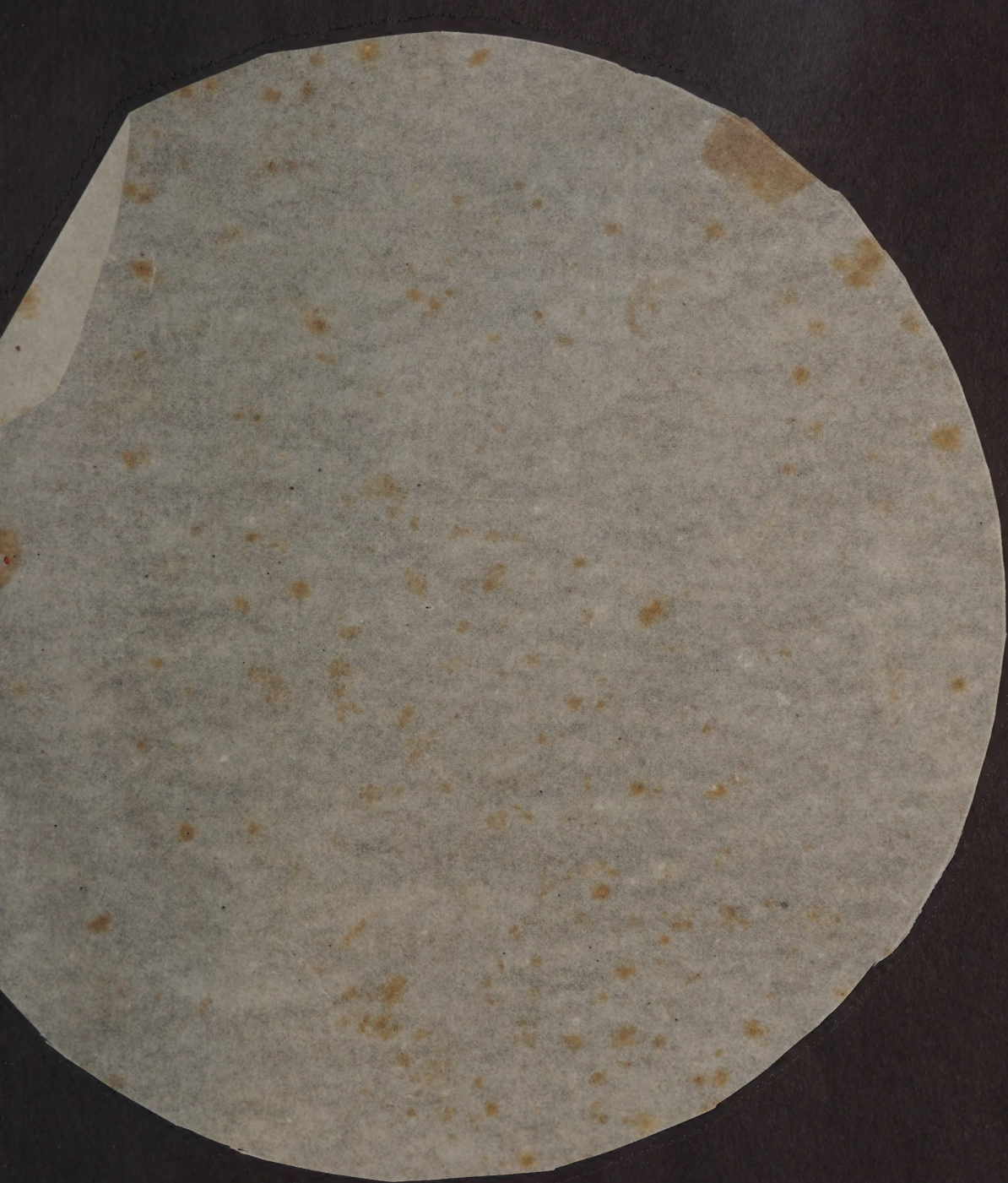


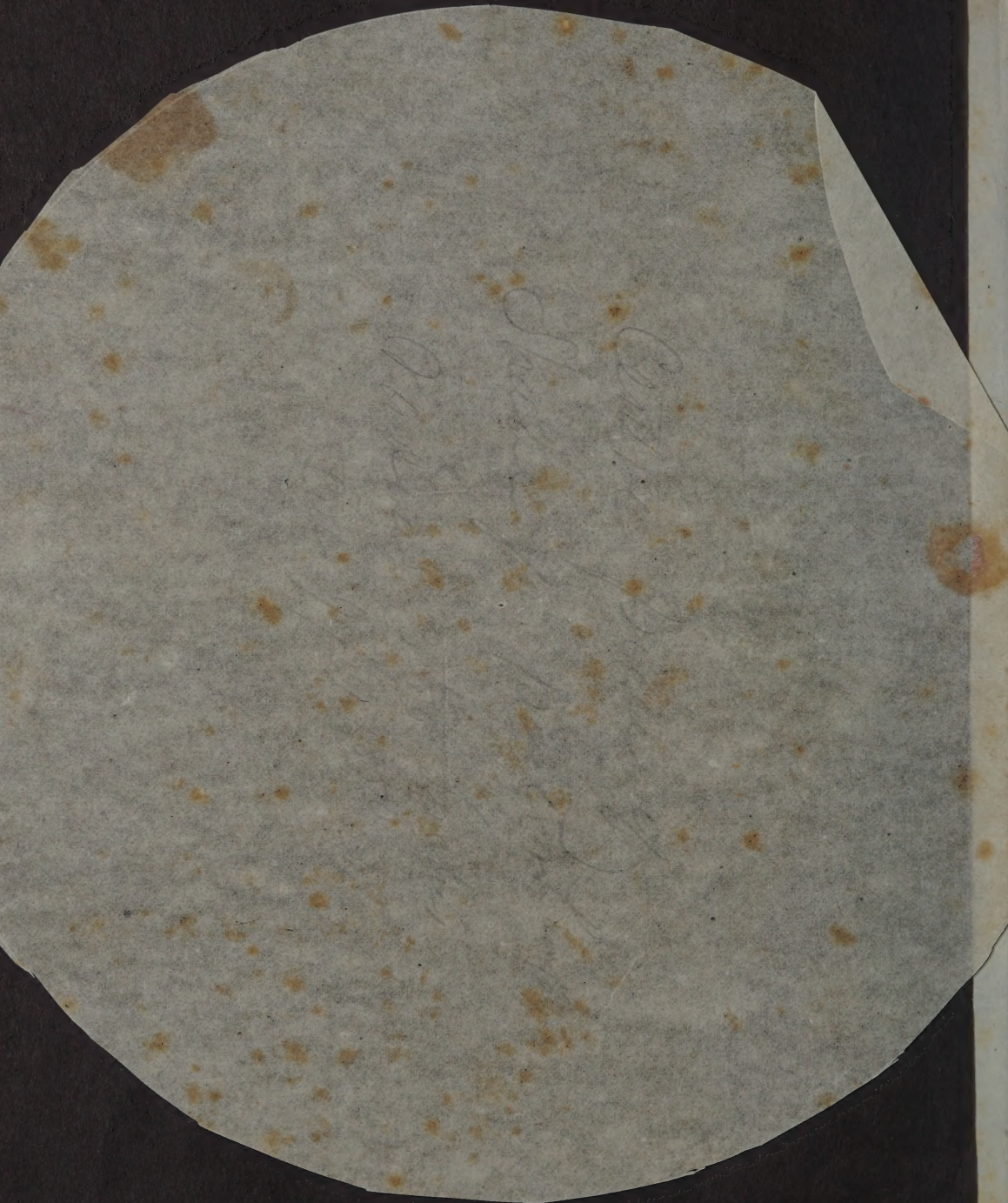
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3^d day 27 Devoted my time to the duties and Com.
of the C^t House but not being quite well I re-
turned home before 9 O'Clock - Had a call
from Jos. T. Adams Coll^r who returned my
letter from the 5th Auditor, and disclaimed hav-
ing given any reference to the Pat. Office
for a Model of my lamp - The erroneous im-
pression therefore must have been received
from the report of the Com^r which he bro^t. to
me - I therefore addressed a note to them
inclosing a copy of the letter from Washington
and requestg. a Supplement to their report to
the Coll^r. to correct the erroneous impression
to which they had led the 5th Auditor - He
died to bed early feverish and indisposed
4th day 28 Had a good night and rose as usual
but the symptoms of disease continued so that
I had doubts of the propriety of going to my
C^t House duties, which are so imperative
as I anxiety to admit of a Parley - I therefore
went down after breakfast and took a
light diet for my sustenance - Continued
to work through this day but with some
aggravation of my symptoms, to favor w^{ch}.
I worked sitting the latter part of the day
& Evg^g - had calls from O. W. Morgan to pro-
mote his conven^t. if possible by avail^g. of the
ultimate limit. of my financial credit
and concluded to do so through my Bro.

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agreed at 1% P.M. - having reference however
to the Contingency of my own necessities as to
of the N. B. J. M. Co^y - ordered a Cab to ride
home on acct. of my indisposition - got home
in this way quite comfortably - found Ch^s Ran-
dall and Jos^{ph} Huddy here which delayed me
in doing the writing which must be done this
evg - On their retiring - I set to work &
finished for the M^y. Mail about midnight
5th day 29th Found myself more unwell this
morning and to favor the application of fo-
mentation to the region of the abdomen to
relieve the dysenteric symptoms I rem.
in Bed through the day - had a call from
Micah H. Ruggles and Ma chere H. visit-
ed Dr. Reed who is confined to his house to
ask his advice in my case - which was
followed towards evg - from bro^r M. We
learned that Sister Lydia had been & yet is
quite unwell with pleurisy - Mary &
the Child have also been unwell - and
Julia's attention to them somewhat di-
verted by the sickness and death of her
sister Mrs Westall - I sat up in the
evg. an hour to write some important
letters

6th day 30th - Much better to day so as to be up
and busy about my accounts in the dining
Room - had a call from Newell Sturtevant
with reference to the acct. of his late firm with
our Man^y Co^y. which has been the subject

of Controversy — He insisted on a little³
 immediately and professed himself willing
 for this object to accede to my views, though
 he did not admit them to be correct, un-
 able as he was to move them otherwise
 — referring to the Stat^t. w^{ch} I had made by
 letter not being able from my confinement
 to recur to my memory — and desirous to do
 more than strict justice — Since he was dis-
 satisfied I abated a part of the Claim and
 settled the matter for the prevention of un-
 kind feelings though our C^{ys}. are sufferers
 still by the transaction with them —
 Occupied with investigations of the St^{at}. mill acc^t.
 till late in the ev^g — Bro^r Benjⁿ was here at break
 of day 31th — My health much improved so as
 to give hopes of soon being quite well busy
 at home with my accounts — The Ship May
 Flower & Obed Mitchell sailed to day for Cal-
 aformia — The Ship America grounded on
 the mud flat and there remains — Our sons
 Ed^d & Tho^s. went out in the May Flower — I
 saw the Ship about Sunset at the mouth of
 the bay — wind light from the West, with
 the promise of an auspicious commencement
 of their Voyage — ~~Had a call from P. Dickinson about the bay~~
 1st day 4^m. — Disappointed this morning at
 finding myself less well than yesterday — wrote
 a description of my Case to Dr Read — who there-
 upon prescribed — and I was somewhat better
 in the afternoon & ev^g — Geo & Harry called
 to see me — J. H. Hammond with us at dinner

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2^d day 2^d - Better to day - and assiduous
by engaged in my figures for the St. ^{my} mile Co^y.

3^d day 3^d - Much better and busily occupied
with my numerical investigations to acct.
for some discrepancies in the sheeting
account

4th day 4th Still at home less from ill
health than for the advantage of less un-
interrupted attention to my researches than I
could have at the C^y House in the day
while the c^y is nearly as active as my
desk in the Eng^y Room

5th day 5th Still at my labors at home
without yet having arrived at the object of
my researches - though pursued assiduously.
by till late in the e^y - Sister Sarah called

6th day 6th Pursued my labors at home till
near noon when I had my books and
papers transferred to the C^y Room to which
place I followed, and went on with my
work - Returned seasonably in the e^y -
~~7th day~~ to make a short visit at Sarah Ham-
metts, where Mother & Sister E. and Andrew
& family were at tea - Examined her new
machines for cutting and fitting her bind-
ers boards for her Box manufacturing &c.
seems very complete and will give her

great facilities in her business — her work
is very perfect, and I have no doubt that
she will make a comfortable maintain-
ance. S. Hammond was also there
7th day 7th Occupied at the Cg. House at
my Aunt's through the day & evg till quite
late — having succeeded in finding the error
which has cost me so much trouble. it
was made by Jr. F. Cole, whose reputa-
tion for accuracy & care made me less scr-
utinizing than I otherwise sh. have been of his
work.

1st day 8th Rose Scannably for my abtitionary ex-
ercises — When at breakfast Benj. Smith. Son
of our friend, David & Hatty of Phil^a was announ-
ced he ar^d this M^g. via Fall River on his way
to Boston on business — I attended the 4th S^t.
M^g. through the day, in the afternoon in con-
sequence of the announcement of Nathan Pags,
expected attendance — He was too long &
the repetitions in his com^{ms} — and I thought
too uncharitable with reference to the other
division of the Society — Verily it is hard
for us to see ourselves & others in the true
light — I made a call on Mary Giff
ord at the close of the 2^d M^g. — E. Mitchell

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Her Compth Friend returned yesterday from Boston
and brings the sad intelligence that Geo. B. Emerson
Jr and only surviving son has been committed
to the Hospital at Charleston for decided symp-
toms of insanity - Called at Mothers between
meetings and glanced over the Boston Paper
of yesterday which I was unable to read before
2^d day 9th Devoted myself to Cy House duties &
through the day & evg - B. Smith left us after
an early breakfast in the morn^g train
3^d day 10th Occupied with the arrears of
my Cy House duties &c - through the day
& evg - some startling developements have
happened just been discovered in the financial
concerns of the Med. Const. Ins. Coy - from
the defalcation of the assistant Secy. Ferdinand
Tassault - but it is S. that no loss to the Inst^y;
if to his Bondmen will result - our nephew
Wm. L. Rodman was with us at dinner
4th day 11th Occupied at the Cy House &c through
the day came home to tea to have the Compth
of our Cousin Lydia Russell and her children
Martha Ch^d & Mary - Ch^d is fine bright boy
of 18 and but for his sad infirmity would be
a great reliance for his mother - he has spent
about 2 years under the Hydropathic treat-
ment at Mattleborough and he is soon to go

Wakefield to be under the Care of Dr Eeger
who has effected some remarkable cures it
is said in similar (Hip) Complaints, but the
cases had not been of so long standing. Should
he be successful in this instance it will be a
great mercy and as the instrument of the Dispens-
ation it will add greatly to the Dr's Celebrity
Walter Mitchell called in the evg. — and Jo!
Ricketson came to the house with me to get
my signature to the petition for commuting
the punishment of Washington Goode for mur-
der now under sentence of death — My pecu-
niary affairs are a sad pressure on my Spi-
rits — and a great alloy to the enjoyment of social
intercourse — imposing also ceaseless toil — took
home my books, and after our friends retired
I went again to my figures — Andrus & Fred
were expected but they were kept by a visit
from Capt. Shubart North formerly of the ship
Russell

5th day rose early and after the devotional reading
went again to my figures, and kept at them
till near the Morn Hour when I went to the Sp^y
St. House — at its close went to the Cy House
and after dinner and looking over an omitted
Boston went there again and worked till past
midnight

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6th day 13th At home some time after breakfast
aiding the men who were renailling the Garden
fences. to shorten the tree near our South door
which has lifted so high its head as to interfere with
the prospects from the observatory — the top was
drawn in on the roof and after being sawed up thrown
to the ground — Gave the rest of the day to Cg. Hse
duties — Stopping after dinner to look over the paper
of yesterday — at home at tea and in the ev. Wm
H. Rotch wife & sister Joanna & nephew Willie Angier
being here — Called at Mother's before dinner &
rode with her to C. W. Morgans where she dined
7th day 14th Engaged in my business duties &
Cases at the Cg House &c through the day and
till past midnight

1st day 15th Rose early and went through the
weekly ablutions — The weather at 22°. Farenheit
had depressing news from New York in regard to
financial arrangements — Went to Mf. at the
5th St House in the forenoon, called at Mother's
at its close, and had Lucrétia Mott's Sermon to
the Medical Students in Phil^a Calhoun — which
I think must have had a good effect on many
of them; thence to the Cg House consequent on
the intelligence from N. York where I was detained
till near the afternoon m^g hour; Took a light
Lunch and went to the Sp^l St. m^g House. at

this m^g were Jo^s. Lth. B. Congdon and J^h. M^{rs}.
— the latter made a very feeling address in be-
half the poor the imprisoned and the wretched
in our Christian Country — and dwelt largely
on the benevolent character of our blessed Religion
as calling for greater attention to these classes
of our fellow creatures, in imitation of the bright
examples of Eli^h. Fry & John Howard — The
address was listened to respectfully and if the
feelings of others were like my own, it was
very acceptable — wrote a letter of in-
troduction to J^h. Smith for a young man
in the neighborhood who is going to seek his
fortune in the Great West — Called after tea
to see Geo. Harry consequent on the em-
barrassment arising from the news from N. York
— rem^d. of the w^g. at home readg. M^{rs}. Allen's
Memoirs &c — was struck with the fact
there recorded that the penalty of death is
never inflicted in Russia — Jo^s. Ricketson
called to give some copies of the late pro-
ceedings in Boston relative to the case of
Washington Good now under sentence of
death for Murder — There is something
so revolting in the legalized usurpation of the
divine prerogative that strong efforts are making
for a commutation for imprisonment for life

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2.^d day 16.th Went to the C^y. House before breakfast and was detained there till after the lamp had finished that meal - Called at Uncle William's on business and saw Susan & D^r Barton and his daughter, they arrived yesterday morning from Phil.^a on their way to Boston to embark for Liverpool in the Steamer Niagara to spend some years in Europe - Cousin S. looks very well - D^r B. son Francis is now in Europe where he has been for 6 or 8 mos - and will meet them on their arr^y, as they expect - I went to the C^y. Room from my Uncle's and was occupied till 3¹/₂ O'clk - Dined and went to the R.R. Depot to forward a letter - and then at the C^y. House till dark - Came home to have my Mother & Sister Eliza's visit as tea &c -

3.^d day 17.th At home writing in the books of the Est^y. and in this diary till breakfast. Then to the anxious duties of my embarrassed business condition which took my time at the C^y. House &c till near mid-night - Gave some attention to measures for discharging the water from the cellar of the wharf warehouse which has accumulated during the winter, by an arrangement to put the Siphon in action from the lower story of the building - instead of the cellar as heretofore

4th day 18th Gave most of the forenoon to completing
the arrangement for the Syphon - and endeavor-
ed to put it in action with the Air Pump
but I did not succeed, I therefore had recourse
to the small engine and effected the object,
the water beginning to run from the cellar
at One O'Clock - afternoon at the C^g House, came
home at dusk to go with Mrs. Chase ~~to~~ to the
Bishop's meeting for the Confirmation of the
Candidates for that rite of the Church of w^{ch}
class they were - about five others were em-
braced in the Services one of whom was a Col-
ored woman, and one the grand Son as
it was said of Col Ethan Allen of Revo-
lutionary and infidel memory - The occasion
was solemn and affecting - my dear Wife &
daughters having submitted themselves from
well settled individual conviction of its pro-
priety I trust will find a blessing attend their
public dedication of themselves to the duties
and restraints of our holy Religion - That
tho^{ugh} th^{ey} have chosen a path somewhat dif-
ferent from their Ancestors, will be no cause
of regret if, in it they find greater incitements
to self devotion and supports under trial - so
that they can advance more effectually in the
attainment of those Christian Graces which

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are the signs of vital membership of the Church Universal where individuals of all religious communions unite in the true spirit of discipleship as the humble followers of the Redeemer — The ~~W.C.J.~~ was raining — but the attendance notwithstanding very respectable

5th day 19th Occupied at the Cg. House through the day & evg., the great rain of last night prevented so sensible an effect from the discharge of the water through the Syphon as I anticipated — called to see mother & found ^{by her servants} her deserted
6th day 20th Spent the day ^{& evg.} chiefly in attention to the duties of the Cg. House — Ma chere H. who was confined to her room yesterday with head ache is better to day — called at mother's and found that she had found an asylum — at Sister Sarah's — from her deserted house, where Sister S. insisted on her going on finding the state of the family — Sister C. is in pursuit of other assistants

7th day 20th Engaged in Cg. Hse duties through the day and evg. till a late hour — making up the account of my Jan'y. of personal expenses — The necessity of the case has made me do my best to keep the aggregate as low as possible — but it is nevertheless very large for our circumstances and pros

puts though much reduced from that of former years.
 1st Day 21. Rose early and took a shower bath
 as usual on this day of the week and after my devo-
 tional reading walked by the way of my West lot
 to the Cemetery - left a few flowers on our dear
 daughter's Grave. and called at E. H. Hathaways
 on my return - He informed me that he had
 taken up a new business, that of a doctor, and
 told of remarkable cures which he had effected His
 celebrity having extended without any effort of his
 own, so that a good deal of his time is thus occu-
 pied, it would appear from his statements, w. ch. w?
 seem to partake of the exaggeration which in former
 years had been considered as characteristic of his stories
 - I went to M. J. at the 5th St House house in the fore
 noon, Spring St. in the afternoon and the Unitarian
 man in the evg - at the latter Mr. Weiss gave us an
 excellent Christian Argument against Capital
 punishment - I called at C. W. Morgan's at the
 close of the M. J. & evg. M. J. - Mother being yet there -
 called also at T. D. Elliotts to ask a question rela-
 ting to the Estate. found my bro: B. at our house
 on my return - who offered to take me to Fall
 River in his buggy tomorrow, to attend the G. M.
 M. J. of the B. of Mass. which I was
 glad to accept. - Sister Phoebe detained from me
 by a cold

2^d day 23^d. Rose early and took my breakfast by myself and walked to my bro^r Ben^y taking the C^y room in my way - and took a Seat in his buggy to go to Fall River to attend the Anⁿl^y M^eg. of the Locust Mang. C^y - arrived there a little before 10 Oclk - I was considerably occupied in the forenoon in preparing the Report of C^W. Morgan & my action under the appointment of 2/5th the relative to the purchase of A. Robersons Eight Shares of Stk. in the C^y. - The business of the C^y. appears well though there is now quite a Stagnation in the Sales of our goods - Dilled as Micahs Sister Lydia reports herself as quite well again, the others of the Family appear to be so. - Julia rather sorrowful from her late afflictive bereavement in the death of her Sister Marshall - The others of the C^y. also dined there, and after dinner W^m. Ch^l. & myself went to view the shore where we were under obligation to the Town to make a good road for vehicles, the same being in state of great forwardness by Ch^l. my part having been long since done - W^m. who had very little to do has yet done nothing but I hope he will set about it shortly called at A. Roberson for print books - relative my business as executor and returned in the Cars in afternoon - rode home with my bro^r W^m. and was at the evg meal with the family

Sally & Eliza Russell being with us - I went to the C^y House after tea and was occupied there till after mid-night

3rd day 24th After breakfast called at Sister Sarah's to see mother - and had a long conversation in w^{ch} Sister led, relative to her domestic establishment - now suspended for the want of female assistants - wrote a letter to Nantasket with reference to her accommodation - seen of the day at the C^y House - at dusk walked to E. Hathaway's with reference to my farming land and its occupancy - stopped an hour with my wife Sister & Daughter at home and then went to the Store to finish the business of the ev^g

4th day 25th Stopped at home in the Morning to copy my Meteorological Journal to send to Washington this work having been omitted since the 4th Jan^y 1847 - finished one month the 6th (the 5th having been copied by my son Thomas long since but it appears was not forwarded - Went to the C^y Room afterward and called after dinner at Sister Sarah's to take the letter from our Cousin Nathaniel in answer to my enquiries in behalf of my mother. the report was unfavorable. These domestic difficulties - worry the dear parent - which gives us much uneasiness - and they

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are all to be imputed to our Sister Elvira in capacity for being her housekeeper - If she could only be willing to have a person introduced who has the necessary qualifications - and she give up all interference with the family management, herself as well as our dear mother might be much more happy and comfortable -

Walked to the West lot to see to the little work then going on to prepare for the growing season - Returned to the C^y. Room and made a call on my bro^r Williams to get him to use his influence in putting mother's household on a more comfortable footing - He went to see her on the occasion I spent the ev^g. at the C^y. House -

5th day 26th Copied one month of my Met.^y before going to the Store - Had a call there from B. S. Potch. who gives a discourag^g. prospect for the sale of our goods, the business being extremely dull gave what time I could spare to getting on with the Copying of my weather notes, and finished two more months -

6th day 27th Made the copy of another month of my Met.^y before going to the C^y. House, and finished two more months, completing the copies for 1847 - Called to Mother or Sister Sarah's, who wished me to write again to Aunt. to enquire the character of another woman whom Elvira has taken

temporarily - Mother is desirous to get back to her own house - but I fear that she will continue to be annoyed as heretofore - a radical change of system being necessary which cannot be effected with Sister E as housekeeper.

7th day 28th. Went to the C^y. Room before breakfast and afterwards attended to procuring some Pear grafts from our neighbor Jos. Smith's Garden for our Cousin Nathaniel - and to despatching my recent notes to Washington - Spent the rem^t of the day chiefly at the C^y. House, calling however to see Mother at her own house, she having returned late yesterday afternoon, viz. at the C^y. House - Machine B^y. Confined above stairs with a bad cold.

8th day Read in the memoirs of the late W^m. Allen on his travels in Russia which have great interest - he with his Companion appear to have discharged with great fidelity & care their truly apostolic mission - Went to M^j. forenoon & Afternoon at the S^{ph}. H^{se}. had com^{ms} from Rhoda Howland Jos Davis W^m Chace of Salem and Rachel Howland to edification - I called to see Mother & Mary Gifford - The latter expecting to leave home tomorrow to consult D^r. Elegen of Phil^a. about her eyes, which have long been in a weak state so as not to admit of her reading without inconvenience for a long time

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The Rev. M^r. Snow who exchanged with M^r. Horton to day spent the latter part of the w^g with us, and staid quite late having much interesting conversation. 2^d day 4^m 30 - Engaged at the C^g. H^{se}. &c - forenoon mostly in completing the arrangement of the Store Cellar Syphon so that it can be filled from the outer end by exhausting the air with the small Air pump without regard to the state of the tide. Called at mother's in the afternoon to give her the information all from M^r. Barney in answer to enquiries made at her request - this was rather favorable - came home to tea expecting to see Mary Underhill, but she was not here, so I made a copy of one month of my journal of the Weather in the Parlor, but I found the circumstances unfavorable for despatch - Ma chere is much better of her Cold.

3^d day 5th - Devoted the day chiefly to C^g. House duties, had the Company of Mary Underhill at tea. I was therefore at home in the ev^g.

4th day 2^d Copied a month of my meteor^l. Journal before breakfast and was then engaged at home most of the forenoon in disclosing the hot water pipe in the Bathing Room which has leaked a little for some months - I then to the C^g. Room &c till late dinner - in the afternoon spent some time

in getting a new Cover Car for the range say
 the Central Slide top, the broken plate answered
 for moulding it and it was made in a couple
 of hours. — I was at the C^y Room in the evg.
 5th day 3^d Engaged at home with my J^r in the
 morning, and after breakfast enclosed the bath
 room pipe which had been repaired — Then to
 meeting, the marriage of Rob^t L. Murray &
 Ruth L. Taber being solemnized, Rob^t Murray
 wife & others from York were there on the oc-
 casion — to the C^y Room at the close of the
 evg. — Afternoon & went to the Accident Fair
 race for the purpose specified in my mem^o
 of yesterday, w^{ch} was there erroneously noted —
 called at Mother's — and spent the evg. at
 the C^y House — our children at the German Concert
 6th day 4th At the C^y House in the forenoon — part
 of the afternoon at home — Joanna Rotch being
 with us at dinner — w^{ch} J^r went to the Country
 to try to make arrangements about a night
 job — and was partially occupied at the C^y
 House — we learned this afternoon that our
 dear friend Mary Wray formerly Drinker
 died a few days since in Pen^a — This will
 be very mournful intelligence to many here
 for she was greatly and deservedly beloved

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7th day 5th. Occupied at the Cf. House most of the
day and eve.
1st day 6th. While dressing this m^g - The news was bro^t.
to me that the ship Charles was in the bay. and on
going to the observatory: the telescope confirmed the
news - She was in though the wind was N of
E. and was at anchor off Hazard wharf about 8.0^o
with 1750 bl-sp Oil - Went on board, but the
Captⁿ having left the ship in a boat I did not
see him till after the forenoon m^g. at F. Dr. H^{rs}.
in Spring St. which I attended - Saw several of
the men, all of whom have returned except
those that left with mutual consent, saw the Captⁿ.
after m^g. Called at mother's at the close of the
afternoon m^g. First walking to the Cemetery to
which the advancing Spring is restoring its wonted
beauty - Some growing flowers, as well as pruned
ones mark the spot sacred to the memory of our
dear Mary - W^g at home - The return
of the Cf. Men is a very pleasant circumstance
and speaks well of Captⁿ Coan's general man-
agement - But for the fact that he is not a Lee-
tollan. I think he w^d be entitled to the highest com-
mendation as a very promising master. I was
able to give several of the men, letters which
I had rec^d. from their friends mak^g enquiries about them

and at the same time some good advice, that they
 may return to them uninjured by the temptations of
 port after having escaped the perils of the Sea.

2^d day 7th My duties as agent of the Charles
 together with my ordinary business Cases have
 occupied me full, & till a late hour in the evg.
 at the C^y House. The exposure to the Chilling wind
 yesterday & today rather inadequately protected
 has bro. on some slight symptoms of Pleurisy.

3^d day 8th Went to the C^y House after breakfast
 and remained at my business there & till dinner
 but feeling some abated symptoms of inflammation
 in the inner coats of the Thorax - as the weather
 was rather unpleasant I did not go out in the
 afternoon, but remained at home and employed
 myself partly with my bank weather notes.

4th day 9th At the C^y House & as usual the
 local effects of my cold - passing off. Came
 home in good season day between 9 & 10 O'Clock
 - had some painful conversation with me chere
 & relative to the reserve which marks the
 conduct of our son Francis relative to his as-
 sociates & employments for the future, or a large
 portion of his time - Called at Mother's on my
 way up -

5th day 10 - Engaged about the business of the

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her discharge was completed this forenoon. Mother & sister Eliza took tea with us, and rode home with them and to the C^y House to put up my books for the night.

6th day 11th Occupied assiduously at the C^y House & through the day very effectually a Sale of the Charles's Cargo of Oil — at a somewhat reduced price from late Sales, but in my present embarrassed condition I did not dare to forego the oppo^y. of closing it without delay. Edm^d went to Boston Thurs^d.
 7th day 12th Devoting my time as usual to my C^y Room and business duties till about midn^{ight}.
 8th day 13th — Attended M^y. at the Spring St^h house through the day. very small attendance in the afternoon on acct. of Rain — I walked with Maria here & to the Cemetery after breakfast — The leaves and flowers begin to develop themselves, or are developing under the Creative energy which is at this season so eminently exerted around us, and ~~which~~ should put our hearts in unison with Celestial Spirits and attune them to the exercises of Prayer & Praise. Though these miracles too often pass unheeded by man as though like the inferior animals he could only enjoy the bounty of our heavenly father, unconscious of the source from which it comes — Called

at Mothers after sup. but was prevented by
the rain from calling to see my Cousin Mary Em-
erson who has been here several days -

2^d day 14th Occupied at the C^y. Here in re-
lation to the Settlement of the Ch^r Voyage
through the day & eve -

3^d day 15 Engaged as yesterday

4th day 16 - Occupied as before in pre-
paring the acc^ts. relating to the S^t. Ch^r.
Voyage for settling with the men thro'
the day & eve -

5th day 17th Occupied with the Ch^r.
accounts - looked through the Log book
to note the most marked occurrences - late
before I left the Store - M. J. Patch's family
with Eliz^a & friend Joanna took tea with the
family but I was unable to be with them
being prevented by preparing to settle with
Several of the Ch^r. Men who are desirous to set
off tomorrow to join their relations from
whom they have been so long absent

6th day 18th Engaged with the Ch^r. business
and till a very late hour in distributing the
Cargo to the owners & to the parties to whom
they have sold.

7th day 19th Occupied as for the last ten days

With the Charles' business, our Cask of unmerchandise Oil deisco^d & rejected by the purchaser, took up much of the afternoon & evg, and makes a revision of the adjustments necessary - did not get home till midnight

1st day 20th The pressure of my engagements with no assistance in the arithmetical details, with the necessity of repeating the work on the discovery of the error referred to in a prev. note, and the importance of settling with the men with the least delay, obliged me to be at the C^y House most of that day except the hours of public worship which I attended at Spring St House in the afternoon and at the Lyceum in the forenoon - called at Mother's at the close of the M^y. meeting and at W. J. Rotch in P. after tea to see Eliz^a. Angier and the family - A friend of Edmunds Mr. Perkins of Boston took tea and spent the evg with us

2nd day 21st Early at the C^y house taking a piece of bread in my hand for breakfast, and occupied assiduously at the business of settling with the Charles' men - went to the Bank Directors M^y. to provide funds - and was at the C^y till late in the evg.

3rd day 22nd Occupied assiduously at the C^y House through the day & evg.

4th Day 23. Occupied as yesterday & the days pre-
 ceding. made my meals on bread at the Cg. Room
 mother & sister Eliza were here to tea but I
 did not get knowledge of it, although our dear
 Ellen went to the store to tell me - she however
 failed to make me understand it, although if
 I had comprehended the object of her call I
 could not have yielded to my wishes to be with
 my dear Parents & the famy. returned quite late
 Had a call from Marcus Spring wishing an
 agency for his newly established Com^{ce} House in
 N. York for the Sale of our Cottons - I was
 quite favorably impressed with his conversa-
 tion. The reference to Mothers visit sh^d have been
 the day before - I dined to day with mother
 to save time and made the explanation of
 my absence from home when she made her
 visit - finished settling with the foremost
 hands ~~heads~~ of the Charles - late at home
 5th day 24th Spent the Morn^g & day except
 the Dinner hour at the Cg. House. had a call
 from members of the Dom^{ce} Agency house A &
 G. Ralston Phil^a - who want the Consignments
 of our Company - made a Sale of the
 Charles to day to Lem^l. Koller & others - thus
 concentrating my means to abate a little the mor-
 tuous load of debt which is pressing me to the earth.

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6th day 25 Engaged as usual at the Cg. Hse and till a late hour

7th day 26 At work on the accounts of Capt. Coan relating to his late voyage. They involve a good deal of thought and labor, and I have been unable to get about them till yesterday so that I cannot give him a little. So early as he and I have both wished, contin^d my work till late in the evg.

1st day 27th Rose early and to complete if possible the Ship's amt. So as to discharge the Captain it was necessary for me to go to the Cg. Hse. where I remained till near my time. — Went to Friend's House on Spring St. forenoon & afternoon, and called Mary Gifford's and Mother's at the close of the afternoon my. and went with machine to And. & Mother's in the evg.

2^d day 28th Repaired early to the Cg. Hse and continued my work on the amt. of Capt. Coan w^{ch} comprise many details and involve Cal.^{ns} of Ex. &c. the date for which are not by any means complete — I was not able to ascertain the balance in time for the Capt.ⁿ departure in the case — at which he manifested a good deal of dissatisfaction, and was not very civil on the

occasion — I contin^d. my work till late to ascer-
 tain the Balance and pay him if he deserved
 it early in the morning — informed his friend
 F. P. Seabury by note in the ev^g. that I sh^d.
 be ready to pay him in the morn^g with the prob-
 able state of the acct — Rose very early
 to make a fair copy of my Statements on
 3^d day 29th — But on going to the C^y Hse after
 breakfast found that Captⁿ C was yet in
 Town — and about 1/2 past 12 he came
 and was quite dissatisfied with the acct^s.
 and a good deal of not very pleasant
 com^{ts} passed — he left dissatisfied. F. P. Sea-
 bury taking my acct^s and the data furnished
 by the Captⁿ from which it was chiefly made
 out — I have very serious grounds of complaint
 against him if it was worth while to pre-
 fer them, which w^d. make his jealous sus-
 picions of my fairness appear very insig-
 nificant — At the C^y Hse till late
 4th day 30th — Early at the C^y House and
 had an interview with G. R. Thornton about
 Coan's acct. who had drawn up the Captains
 which differs from mine and in his favor ad-
 to the dissatisfaction of the Captⁿ. I defended my
 acct and the principles on which it was based in
 opposition to his less thorough and accurate state^t.

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And drew up ~~an~~ State^t. in proof of one point at which he took exception - w^g. at the C^g. House till very late, as the St^a. mill books which have got in a rear by my necessary attention to the business of the Charles & her cargo -

5th day 31st. Occupied by C^g. House duties in the forenoon, had a note from G. R. T. to which I replied, his tone is less confident and he ceases to controvert my principles for mere adjustments - Had an interview with Horatio Leonard about the plan of business for Frank with his brother Eliza at Springfield in the afternoon, they propose to go there together to-morrow to confer with Eliza on the subject

6th day 6 m^o. 1. Engaged as usual with the duties of the C^g. House through the day & ev^g.

7th day 2^d. Occupied as usual at the C^g. House - in the absence of Frank the duties which he has performed devolve on me and absorb nearly all of my time

1st day 3. At the M^y. in 5th Street in the afternoon - at Spring St. in the morning, called on Mother in the afternoon and was at

the C^y H^{se} till twilight — Mary Underhill
 & Walter Mitchell were here in the evg.
 — 2^d day 4th At the Banks directors M^{rs}.
 and at the C^y House the rem^t of the day
 — had a call unexpectedly from Capt. Coan
 — and had some plain conversation with
 him in relation to his voyage and manage-
 ment — He was willing to settle the acct.
 as I had made it up but, having referred
 the case to the other owners I was not at
 liberty to do so but with their consent
 — 3^d day 5th — Amidst ourly occupied at the
 C^y House through the day and till very
 late in the evg. —
 4th day 6th Fully tasked at the C^y H^{se}
 Mary tent. working these last night has
 made it unfit, in connection with
 a cold, to be late at the C^y H^{se} in the
 evg. — I therefore came home at dusk
 and retired early — Frs. had got home
 with pleasant impressions of Spring
 field as a place of business — but my
 crippling and wasting resources I fear
 will not permit me to do what
 will be necessary to his engaging in
 it with bright prospects — We have

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expected the arrival here of sister Betsey and her son Edmund on a visit - I went to meet them at the depot on both days but they did not arrive - but a letter announces their departure from N. York this eve.

5th day 7th Found myself unwell with symptoms of Pleurisy - but the necessity of making pretty large fire an aid arrangements compelled me to rise early and give attention to the subject - sister Betsey & her son Ed. arrived this morning from N. York - They were met at the depot by our son Edmund and Mother's Carriage - I availed myself of the Carriage to ride to the C^y House - much troubled at the supposed loss from the mail of two pretty large drafts on their way from Boston - Mother sent her Carriage to take me back to dinner which I availed of after detaining it till the closing of the mail - will again to the C^y H^{se} and home in the eve.

6th day 8th Had some further conference with my brother W^m about the Settlement with Capt. Coan and finally concluded in accordance with their advice that it was best to pass over the malpractices which are so just a cause of dissatisfaction and settle the acct^s as I had at first proposed - and it was done accordingly - on three fore

went out in the Canada which sailed to day
for California - Edw. Anthony being passenger
- The wind having changed to N.E. with rain was
rather unfavorable for the pleasure of the expedition
the returned in the Pilot boat, "Chas. H. Benj." here in the eve
7th day 9th Occupied at the Cg. Hse. &c. - Mother
& Sister Eliza & Abby were here in the eve at
ten - I came home at dusk

1st day 10th At home through the day except, at-
tending meeting at the Spring St. House - the pre-
sented effect of an external application for my Sym-
ptoms of pleurisy being unfavorable to much motion

2^d day 11th At the Cg. House through the day
at home in the eve - Sister Betsey and the
Children at Fanny Butler's Shakespeare
reading

3^d day 12th Devoted the day to Cg. Hse.
duties - at home again in the eve -
Sister Betsey & the Children at Fanny But-
ler's reading again -

4th day 13th Engaged through the day &
eve. at the Cg. House - till quite late

5th day 14th Applied as usual to my
daily duties at the Cg. Hse. &c. - At home
to tea - Mother & Sister Eliza with us -

Bro: Benj. took Sister Betsey on 2^d & 3^d
days to show the changes in our Town since

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her former visits - and yesterday we had Mother's Carriage to take her to the Cemetery consecrated to the memory of our dear Mary her aunts & Cousins, which was then H & Sister P. accompanied her - they afterwards called at bro: Benj^m - where she was left to see the place more leisurely & Benj^m. bro: her home - We had another accident at the mill the pinion ~~passing~~ into the main Wheel of the Engine having broken in the rim about 5 O'Clock - which will stop the machinery for a day or two

6th day 15th Spent a considerable portion of the day in examining my books at the C^y House. Came home at twilight and spent the evg. with Sister B & called at Mother's, as I have done daily since T^h day - She appears very well and bright.

7th day 16 Engaged at the C^y House & through the day except breakfast & dinner hours - Came home at dark to spend the evg. with Sister Peter

1st day 17th - rose early and took a shower, which I have been prevented doing for the last two weeks - Went to mg. with Sisters

Betsey & Phoebe our two elder sons and their
 cousin Edm^d. was also there in the forenoon two
 English friends were there Benjⁿ. Seaborn and
 his comp^y. Lindsey both preached - the
 former at great length - with a good deal
 of simplicity and earnestness and unction -
 the assembly was large, probably the re-
 full of previous notice - I was the only
 representative of my family there this af-
 ternoon - another friend was there who
 with the two English friends and our friend
 Rhoda Howland made acceptable com^m -
 - It was a meeting to me of extraordinary
 interest - more interesting than in
 the morning to me - not too long as
 that in the forenoon appeared to be -
 He is a German by birth but resides in
 England, and has been for some years
 in this country on his Gospel mission
 though this is I believe the first time
 that he has been in N. England - Every
 one well as day excepting me - at home
 - Sister Betsey and Edmund expecting to
 leave us tomorrow - It is 18 years since
 she was last here - since which time many
 changes have occurred - "When shall we all
 meet again"!!

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2^d day 18th Went to the R. R. Depot before
breakfast with sister P. & son's trunks, and
after an early breakfast rode with them together
with our Ellen & Edw. to the depot, and saw
them leave in the Cars for Boston & Springfield
on their return to Salem - They have
had a fine day and must be safely at Spg
field by this (10 P. M.) Cape Rowland Gibbs
was in the Cars, going to Albany and I
introduced Ed. to him, that he might have
one at least whom they knew on the jour-
ney thus far - I gave my attention there
The day & evg. to my House duties &c -

3^d day 19th Occupied through the day and evg
with my business duties. after dinner Thomas
avowed his wish to go to California, as of-
fering the best chance of doing something
to profit of any thing within his reach
My embarrassed circumstances not per-
mitting me to give him a Capital to aid
him in any desirable business here - My
knowledge of the state of facts had led me
to fear in his case, a discontent that would
lead him to some such plan, from which
his younger brother has just been diverted
by the hope of doing something at Spring.

field — In my impotent condition I can
 do nothing to divert him from the course
 which his judgment may ultimately adopt
 though it is a bitter trial added to those
 which are daily and hourly pressing upon me
 from the unfortunate business into which
 I have been unvoluntarily forced by the
 malevolence of one individual, and w^{ch}
 threatens to annihilate the inheritance left
 me by my father, and the fruits of my
 own life of industry — And must leave
 the issue as in all cases it must be al-
 timately left to the beneficent guidance
 of that Divine Being who rules too
 often unseen and unheeded in the af-
 fairs of men — Craving his blessing
 on those who remain and those who
 may go forth into other or distant lands.
 4th day 20th Engaged with the duties and
 cares of my business relations. Called to
 see Abigail Hill and her sister with refer-
 ence to the property of the late Elizth Stark
 house then Litch who died about a month
 since in Boston where she and her husband
 kept a house of entertainments. I having act-
 ed as Executor of her former husband's will

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it does not appear that she left any Will
— The one which she made soon after her
marriage having been revoked, she
having declared to her sister as well as in-
timated to me that she had changed her
mind respecting it, and wished me who
had at one time had it in keeping would
send it to her sisters for her — I sought
for it in consequence without effect
and so stated in a note addressed to
her soon after my interview with her.
She directed it to be left till she should
be here to receive it — but she never
came — she was however informed
that a note awaited her in case of her
sisters and her natural conclusion must
have been that it contained that document.
— This course on her part I consider as complete
a revocation of its provisions whatever they
were as if she had made another, or with
her own hands destroyed the first — I took
a refreshing plunge in the dock and called
again in the eve to have a conf^o. with the Misses
Hill on the subject.

5th Day 21th Went to the C^y. House before break-
fast — and devoted myself to business thro'

the day - the mercury stands at 90. at 3 P.M. -
 I went through the factory in the afternoon -
 we temper the heat of the Spring room by
 driving the external air with the fan, direct
 through the hot air flue - without passing it
 through the Chimney - In the evg. had an
 interview with Mechanical Leonard, and his son
 Elisha, at my house with reference to the proposed
 connection in Business of the latter with our son
 Frank - The prospect looks encouraging if I
 can but secure for F. the needed Capital, which
 I shall endeavor to do - though from my own
 very embarrassed condition I foresee great dif-
 ficulty in effecting. - This together with the
 sad alternative which Thomas thinks himself
 obliged to adopt, to make provision for him-
 self add to the trials of my position, and
 will require all the supports which I can
 draw from Philosophy & Religion to sustain
 me under them if this be possible

6th day 2^d Occupied by my Cf. Horse cleaning
 most of the day and evg. gave some time in
 the afternoon to refilling my Cf. the lamp
 the glass of which - which was broken, at
 the fire in adjuting the metallic part of the
 chimney - was demolished by being hit in contact

south the flame lost a j. when screened
 low on eas j. the stove for a short time
 7th day 23rd At the C^y House & through the
 day as usual late in the ev j. as for the 2 or 3
 ev j. preceding I took a plunge in the clock
 near the C^y House by the light of my lamp.
 1st Day 24th - walked, or set out to walk to the
 Cemetery, but was overtaken by D^r Read who
 invited me to ride with him who was going
 near to head of South St - I deposited the
 tribute of maternal tenderness on the hallowed
 hellock and watered the turf of that and the
 contiguous mound of aff^{to} memories - atten-
 ded my at Sp^y S^t House, called at Mary
 Gifford Eliza Drinker's, mothers where I
 took tea & in the ev went to A^r Hoberons
 to see our cousin the Marys from Mari^{on}.
 Ohio - J^r Hammond with us at dinner
 & Thos with W^m Mitchell spent the
 day - most of the night in a race to Pe-
 tomptek - a poor way I think of spending
 the Sabbath -

2^d day 25th Went to the Bank Directors Mtg
 and devoted the day C^y House employment
 called by request to see Abigail & Phebe Hill
 about the will of the late W^m. Stackhouse

which I recently found - after having sought
for it in vain by her request last autumn to
return it to her - She then intended to make
some change in it when she sh^d next be here
to receive it from her S. Sisters, with whom
she requested me to leave it - but her
death before she had fulfilled her intentions
establishes the present will which gives her
real Estate to her husband during his life
and at his death to the daughter of her late
sister Eleanor Soule who married Gilman
White, both now being dead - Floss Child
now about 16 years of age is with her
said Aunt - I am named as Executor but
as there will be no duties to discharge ex-
cept such as can better be attended to by the
Guardian who may be appointed for the
child, I think I shall decline the trust.
I took a bath in the dock on clay day
and worked at the C^y Store, - An alarm
of fire was sounded as I was returning
home, arising from the conflagration of the
barn of Squire Crapo at the S.W. Verge
of the town which was destroyed with
all his stock consisting six or 8 animals except
1 ox which leaped out of the window after the

had burned him so badly that it will be necessary to kill him - Thus by an 'accident', as is supposed, the substance of an industrious man has been in an hour destroyed
3^d day 26th Occupied at the C^y House the day & ev^g - closing the days work as usual since the hot weather has been on us with a plunge in the dock

4th day 27th Occupied as usual at the C^y House through the day and ev^g - we had expected a visit from our friend C. G. Stewart of St. John N. Brunswick, but a letter to day informs us that it will be deferred if not omitted on acct. of the health of himself & family, in connection with the danger of the Cholera -

5th day 28 - Spent the day till a very late dinner hour at the C^y House - ev^g at home trying one of our Low^d Standard lamps with my Patent burner, Our children, with Edmund who returned from a business jaunt of a day or two to Boston & Newburyport, being on a visit to their young friends at our venerable friend Russell's -

6th day 29 At my usual C^y House duties during the day - Called at mother's on my down in the morn^g. to inform her of the ar-

rival of Uncle William & Aunt Lydia's Potch
 from their Southern jaunt to Phil.^a & Mary-
 land at the residence of his grandchildren
 Robert & Caroline Hare - Carry's mother is
 spending the Summer there - The oppressively
 hot weather here last week made us very
 anxious about any uncle who was not well
 when he left and was more so in Phil.^a
 - it appears therefore that he was not pres-
 ent at the marriage of Mary Fisher which
 he expected to be. Yesterday was the day
 of the wedding, it would have been a great
 gratification to William who was his opp.^{er}
 50 yrs ago, if he could have been present
 - Mother & Sister Eliza were with us
 at tea and I was at home to have their com-
 pany and that of my bro. May^r fam^y. Ediz^r
 Wild being on a visit who were also with
 us - William expects to leave in about
 3 weeks for Gold regions of California w.^{ch}
 now so excites the imaginations of the
 age and particularly of this region, and
 with which our Thomas is very much im-
 settled - Benj^r improved his proximity to
 our Nephew S. M. Rodman's to make a call
 on Alfred's wife who is there on a visit

7th Day 30 - Spent the day at the C^y. House and came home early - Mary Underhill being with the family. at tea - and her Cousin Walter Mitchell came in the eve -

1st Day 31st Walked to the Cemetery in the morning. taking my Grass lots in the way. returned by the wharf and took a bath - attended my at Dr. J. H. in the morning and at 5th St. H. in the afternoon, and heard good Sermons at both places - at the former from a friend from Indiana & at the latter from Joseph Phipps formerly of Westport and now of Hector N. York. I called at Mothers and was obliged to go to the C^y. House by the Melancholly State of my financial affairs - evg at home except a call late in the evg at C. W. Morgan with reference to our respective liabilities

2nd Day 2nd ^{Did not go as this morning I go on an aquatic excursion in} Went to the Banks Directors my - and passed the rest of the day at the C^y House in the afternoon unwell with a return of the pain in the left side of the Chest which has troubled me twice within two mos. - Came home early in consequence of it
3rd Day 3rd Rode to the C^y. House in the forenoon in Mothers Carriage and home again at 8 P.M. - Pain in my side still continuing but not worse

^{the}
 4th day Still troubled with the pain in my side
 so as to continue me an Invalid's ride to the C^y. House
 and back again in the eve. attended to my duties
 there through the day and rode home at its close
 Mother's equipage supplying my deficiency in this
 respect, - This being a national holiday business
 is almost universally suspended - On getting
 home found several of Sue's female friends here
 to see from our house the more prominent of
 the fireworks exhibition, which were on a
 large scale on the "Kempston Lot", and a very
 great concourse were to be assembled to
 on the occasion from our our & other towns
 - It passed off without accident, and appar-
 ently to general satisfaction - I was a good
 deal dis-appointed at not getting my letters from
 the Office, which obliged me to write late with
 reference to some important financial arrange-
 ments - Geo Hurry called to see his D^r. home
 so that I del^d. personally the note addressed to him
 5th day 5th Rose Early to write for the mail
 after getting my letters from the Office - and
 my complaint continuing my wife without my
 knowledge sent for D^r. Read, with whom I had
 a talk, and as my orders were not understood about
 the Carriage he kindly gave me a seat with

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him to his next stopping place and then sent
his Carriage with me to the Cg. House, where
I remained till Evng.

6th Day 6th. On my way to the Cg. House made
several calls in my mother's Carriage to
effect some money arrangements, but fail-
ed in my attempts to see one of the persons w^{ch}
obliged me to stop and linger about the Sup^r.

Officers &c most of the forenoon - and finally suc-
ceeded so as to get through the day - afternoon at
the Cg. House except availing of mother's Carriage
on her way to make a visit at Benj^m to see a
little about my hay - returned to the Cg. Hse.
and remained till pretty late. - Unwillingly
as Mary Underhill was spending the day with
us - I was however up at dinner, and at home
before she left - Tho^s A. Lyman called to attend
her horse - and spent a few minutes with us -

7th day 7th. Occupied at the Cg. House through the
day and till 10 o'clock PM - Sister Eliza
called to take me home but I was not ready
to avail of her kind offer - the accom^{ts}. not
necessary now, as I am nearly well again
- so that it has been no inconven^{ce} to walk
since yesterday M^g. - Our sons reported them-
selves at Provincetown on the fourth all well.

1st day 8th walked to the Cemetery before breakfast
and placed her mother's flower offering on dear
Mary's grave. Watered the grass of this and the
hills which rise over her kindred dust — wan-
dered a little among the other tokens of mor-
tality and the monuments of loving hearts which
yet linger on earth — attended my ar. Sp. 9th
street House in the forenoon and at 5th St.
in the afternoon — where Jo^s. Tripp gave us
a good Sermon — Called between meetings to
see my Uncle W^m who returned last week before
last from his visit at the South — but I did
not see him — the family having gone to call
probly. on B. S. Rotch & wife who are at W. J. R.
— I went to see mother — towards evg and
called at Andrews' but they were gone to Lybil's
— Saw Sister Sarah there — Ma Chen H joined
me at mother's — After tea I went to see
my bro. W^m on the discouraging perhaps I
may say desperate state of my affairs — w^{ch}
oppresses my spirits & overtakes my physical
powers —

2^d day Went to the Bank and finished the
day at the C^y House B. S. Rotch called — but
he could say nothing to revive my droop-
ing spirits — returned home late found that
~~one~~ son Frank had arrived from Springfield

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3^d day 10th Spent part of the forenoon at home in a job with the Springs of the Window blinds, then repaired to the C^y. House &c and was assiduously employed till the Closing of the mail — returned to the C^y Hse. after dinner and — come home to have my dear aged Mother's Company at tea &c — Sister Eliza with her of Course — I availed of the occasion to get her Signature to a note to be given in renewal for 12 mos. of the money borrowed the first of the year in Providence for the Estate of my father. — her signature at 92 is by no means indicative of so advanced an age — she is remarkably bright for her years and but for the discomforts of her domestic establishment growing out of the incompetency of my Sister for house keeping and her sympathy with her children in their pecuniary embarrassments, hers would be a remarkably comfortable old age.

4th day Gave my time as usual to my pressing C^y. House duties having no one now to relieve me from the plain objects of attention for which I have heretofore

plied to some extent on Francis - The Partner
of F. E. C. Leonard an^d to day from Springfield
and they went together to Nantucket to make
some acquaintances of a business character
I gave them a letter to our good Cousin Nath^l
Barney - w^g at the C^y. House - had a
call from W. S. Retch to see if we would accept
an offer of 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for 1111 13. of sheeting to be made
- then I declined as involving a loss quite
equal to stopping our mill
5th day 12th - Went to the C^y. House before breakfast
and ~~waited~~ ~~down~~ ~~after~~ ~~that~~ ~~dinner~~ ~~with~~ ~~Mr~~
And was as usual engaged in C^y. H^{se}
duties through the day & ev^g - the weather
extremely warm. Fr. & Eliza got back to day.
6th day 13th Occupied as usual day
and ev^g at the C^y. House - the weather oppor-
tunity warm - at the close of the ev^g. I
took a plunge in the dock which was
very refreshing - Our sons Edm^d. & Thom^s -
as returned from their excursion round
Cape Cod - in good health and well pleas-
ed with the expedition. Called this M^g. on W^m. }
7th day 14th - Assiduously engaged with my
business at the C^y. H^{se} &c - Called at my
br^r. W^m. on business, and stopped to see my

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uncle on the Piarra as I passed his house
— worked late at the Cg. House and called
at Mother's to see Sister Eliza with re-
ference to the pecuniary aid which she
is to give Frs. in his new business — a re-
markable change has occurred in the
weather from near 90 at 10 O'Clock the
mercury at 11 was about 55 —

1. st day 15th Walked to the Cemetery before break-
fast and put some fresh flowers on the moun-
d raised to the memory of our dear Mary, whose love-
ly & loving memory imparts a sweet though mel-
ancholy pleasure to these little offices of a
father's love — some kind hand had paid a
similar tribute to dear Sister Anna's memory
and I watered the grass & plants of the three
kindred hillocks — attended Mr. J. at the Spring
Street House and called at the Close of the
last M. at Mother's and Andrew's, where I failed
to see the family they having gone to ride or prob-
ably to see Sybil — except L Russell — S. Ham-
mond dined with us as usual on this day of
the week, we are very glad that we can thus
contribute a little to her convenience and regret
that it is not in our power to do more, in
return for her long and faithful services in

my Mother's family - my reading has been chiefly
by Sir J. Jay's Review of the Mexican War -
— a most valuable work by which the au-
thor has proved himself a worthy Son of a
Noble Sire - and which I trust will do
great Service to the Cause of Peace in this Coun-
try and the World —

2^d day 16th Went to A. Robinson's before breakfast
to see A. Fuller. but, he was not going to Boston
as I supposed this morning - called again in the
forenoon and saw him & wife & infant - gave
the day to C. J. Home duties &c. except - accom-
panying our three Children viz F. S. & Ellen
to the Cars in the afternoon the two latter ac-
companied their bro^r return to Springfield to
go to J. A. Paine to visit their Cousin Eliz^h
Wells - After seeing the dear Children off
I availed of my Mother's Carriage to bring
my printing press and L. H. C. home
having made a call on the New Collector
Wm. D. Russell with reference to another attempt
to get the Fifth Auditor's consent to making
an experiment with my lamp L. H. Oil in
the new L. House now building on Palmer's
Island - Enc. J. at the C. J. Home, calling on
my way home to see Sister E. with refer-
ence to the transfer of my loan from her to F. S. —

50 my nephew 1849 - 47th W. L. Rodman dined with us
3rd day 17th. In addition to my reading in the bible I read
some chapters of Jay's review of the Mexican war
(and finished it in the eve) before going to the C^y House
where I was occupied through the day. Came home
at dark to see my dear aged mother who with
sister Eliza were with our redeemed family at tea
— Thomas is very discontented at his slender pros-
pects, without employment that satisfies his wishes
at all, and I having no ability to give him
anything — he seems intent on leaving home to
seek like an adventurer his fortune. Probably
in California — that blood stained acquisition
of the pro Slavery Party & Adminⁿ. — It is a
sad consideration and one of the awful entail-
ments of the hostility with which I have been
or was pursued for years by a fellow member of
the Society of Friends, whose Cardinal tenet
has been Peace — and on whom notwithstanding
this Society has bestowed its highest honors!!!
4th day 18th. Spent the day in attending to my
C^y House duties except an hour or two after dinner
in looking over the Boston paper — e^v. in filing or
pasting my letter copies — all the subordinate de-
tails as well as the direction & execution of the
more prominent affairs of my own & the
St^l Mill C^y. falling now upon me — called

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at mothers on my way home about 11 O'clk.
5th day 19th Went to the Cg House after breakfast
and from thence about 11 O'clk to the dedicatory
services, at the New Methodist Church on Pleas-
ant Street - it is a beautiful structure without
and very handsomely finished within though
all done on very economical scale, corres-
ponding with the unostentatious character
of that worthy denomination of Christians
- The services were over between one &
two - which left me scarcely time to pre-
pare for the mail - afternoon again
at the Cg House which I left as dark to
join my family in a visit to Sister Sa-
rah - My spirits are very low from
the gloomy state of my affairs, which
seem desperate, unless some intervention
should take place which reason can-
not foresee to save me from the dread-
ful catastrophe of a failure - How
little did I anticipate that I should be
^{bro't} to such a lamentable condition, and
^{entirely} unlooked for calamities on my
dear wife & children -
6th day 20th Passed the day & evg. chiefly
at the Cg House, working assiduously but
with a heavy heart, called at mothers on my

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Went home - had letters from our dear children who were well and happy - our faultless daughters, enjoying themselves at their Cousin Elizabeths - with whom years since in Boston, their dear Sister spent some happy days.

7th 21st - Read the Mercury & looked over the pamphlet of Miss Cattⁿ Beecher on the means of diffusing education in the West before going to the C^t House - Occupied then through the day forenoon, and the latter part of the afternoon having stopped at home after dinner to read the Boston Paper - went in the evg. to the Mtg. of the Com^{tee}. for inviting Father Mathews to visit this place - 22 were of the Com^{tee}. and about half present - it was resolved to go in a body & if any one could not go to send a Substitute - J. M. Congdon Ch^m adj^d to 2^d day evg at 8 O'clk at the same place Worthington Hall - at the close of the Mtg I called at Mother's and then went to finish my days work at the C^t House.

1st Day 22. Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast and laid some fresh flowers on dear Mary's Grave, which already

bore evidence of aff^{tn} remembrance from other
 hands, as did those of her Aunts and Cousin
 Isabella — returned by the way of the wharf
 & bathed in the river — attended meeting
 held at Fifth St^h House & left at Spring
 St^h Called at Mother's and to prepare
 for leaving home tomorrow called at the
 C^h Home — Rev^d of the day & left spent
 in reading the Memoirs of Dr. Channing
 which interested me extremely — We
 missed the weekly visit of S. Hammond
 which I regretted, as I fear it was her
 anxiety not to intrude which prevented her
 coming as usual to spend the intermission
 between the 2 Services, one of them being
 now held in the Cof —

2^d day 23 — Went with my bro^r Bay^r to
 Fall River to attend the Occasional meeting
 held at Sister Lydia's — who has not
 been very well of late — The expose of
 the 3 months was satisfactory — Saw
 Capt^l Munday about the wharf — One ship
 loading at it for California — left on
 our return about 5 1/2 O'clk and got to
 Br^o Bⁱ about 8 — Walked to the G. H. Lee
 A. Robeson's home against the kind remonstrance
 of my br^r who would fain have sent me down.

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3 day 24th. Having business in Boston I went with about a doz. of the delegates to attend the Reception Ceremonies in that City & extend an invitation to Irish Apostles of Temp^l. Father Matthew — on arriv^g. we went to the Adams House and learned the order of procession and went in a body to the place assigned opposite the Franklin School House in Wash^g St^l — and when the Carriages and the hew of the day we fell in to the ranks at the place assigned and made the Perambulation through the Congregated Citizens of Boston & the neighboring Towns who lined the Sidewalks filled the Steps Windows Balconys at almost every Step — on arriv^g at the Adams House a halt & for the Carriages to pass took place when in the hurry & press which followed, in a moment of absence I was separated from my Colleagues whom the crowd rendered it impossible to rejoin — and was glad to get out of the throng by retreating with others into a small passage way lead^g to one of contiguous houses — Father Matthew came out on a Scaffold prepared at one of the Windows of the 2^d Story, to see and be seen

by the crowd — I was not in hearing of what was said, but I believe no attempt at a speech was made — but announced that he w^d meet the Citizens at 4 O'Clock on the Common — The utmost harmony and respectful feeling appeared to pervade the mass of human beings — The day was fine and all that could be desired for the occasion — The others of the Com^y followed the distinguished visitor to the Adams House, and were introduced to them & Mr Holmes made an appropriate speech as Chairman in giving the invitation with which they were charged which was favorably rec^d — though a positive or definite acceptance could not then be given — I went to Henry Patterson Esq of Hove and had a long and painful consultation on the condition of our Coy affairs — which took the time till near the starting of the Cars by which I was to return home — having half an hour to spare went to the Common to see the immense assemblage collected to see I hear Father Matthew — had a good, though not a very near view of him on the platform, when

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Gov. J. Briggs and other prominent friends
 of the Temp. Cause — He had not begun
 to speak to the multitude when when I
 had to leave — On arriving A. Robeson took
 me in his Carriage to my house — and after the
 evening meal, for which I was well prepared
 from having forgone dinner, I went to the
 C. H. House and had a long conference with
 A. G. Sull on the state of our Man. affairs
 — Saw nothing of our sweet daughters
 who were probably somewhere present to
 witness the scene. Sarah Read here in the eve.
 4th day 25th Devoted the day to C. H. House
 business, called at Mother's to tell her of
 my jaunt to Boston & — left at the
 C. H. till about 9 — The Pic nic
 for the Sunday School Children was
 held this afternoon — Edmund was
 the only one of the family present I
 believed — a pleasant letter from our
 dear Sue who with her sweet sister are
 having an agreeable intercourse with
 some very clever people acquaintan-
 ces of their Cousins, included Catharine
 LeDewick, the distinguished writer
 and not less distinguished for the quali-

ities of her heart. I am very glad of the opportunity have of seeing her -- She is on a visit at the Plains with some of the families there being with her by marriage.

5th day 26 Read as usual in the bible and wrote & read read in Dr. Channing's life before breakfast -- Went to the Bank, and to the Cg. House, till 2 -- afternoon chiefly occupied in making preparation to exhibit my L. H. Lamp to the new Collector Wm T. Russell -- Deborah Weston was with us at tea -- and W. T. R. & his daughter came at 8 O'Clock -- I showed him the Common Parlor lamp and afterwards fully explained the L. H. Lamps -- filled the Common L. H. Lamp with Spts. Oil & the new one with R. W. Oil and put them to burning -- The light of mine was the most brilliant at first, but it waned afterward and after 2 hours was considerably below the other in splendor -- This result was unexpected and I begin to think my opinion premature that it might supersede with R. W. Oil the Common Lamps & Oil now in the L. Houses --

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having never before tried it wholly my-
self & at home with those in use -
6th day 27th At home till 9 A.M. then
to the C^o House &c where I spent the bu-
siness hours till dark when I returned
home and re-lighted the L^o H. Lamps. Mine
burnt very satisfactorily - the cause of
the failure last ev^g. being the closeness
of the fit of the fountain to the reservoir so
that the air could not get freely in to
supply the vacuum formed by the com-
bustion of the Oil - had Wm. T. Russell
& Geo. Hursey to see the experiment
- on comparing the shadows of the two
lamps they were found to indicate the
relative light of the two lamps to be as
4 to 4 - Had some talk with Geo
Hursey on Factory affairs and was
7th day 28 Engaged at the C^o House &c most
of the day. Came home about 6 O'Clock to
fit the reflector which I bor^d of A. D. Richmond
He for the old L. H. lamp. to show them were
nearly under the same conditions - W. T. Rus-
sell called again late in the ev^g and bro^t Jos.
Grinnell. our Member of Congress with him
The light burned well but with rather less

higher of wicks than last evg - They both
admitted the Superiority of my lamp - de-
cidedly whiter as well as a larger flame
& I showed the latter the pastor lamp which
he had not seen before - They made their
call a pleasant incident to my wife & sister
as well as acceptable to me - J.G. may be
expected to speak a good word to Pleasant
who is expected to be here this summer - Our
Francis left us this afternoon he meant to
go in the morning train but was a little too
late - I took leave of him at the Depot
1st day 29th Took my weekly walk to the
Cemetery and laid some flowers in re-
membrance of our dear daughter and sprinkled
the turf that lies over her dear Aunts' remains
- I believe my brother Wm was there though
we were not near enough for recognition
which probably neither were desirous of
one's over, missing on such occasions being
generally preferable to converse unless when
the feelings flow naturally to the object -
I took a sea bath at my very toilet on my
way home - at my old L.P. at the W.
House - and was driven by the force of
sad necessity to the Store in the interval between
dinner & dusk - Lighted my lamps again

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with the same satisfactory result - bro: P^rer. happened in about 10 1/2 Oils and witnessed the experiment and attested to the striking superiority of my R. U. Oil light over the Spt. Oil burning in the Common L. H. lamp - He and I wrote & read at the remote side of our dining room the lamps being on the side board with the same convenience as if it had been noon day - S. Hammond was here at dinner and till the e. g. meeting - Extinguished the lamps when they had burned 2 1/2 hours. mine brightening to the last, the other waning a little - at the close of the experiment - called to see M. Gifford before meeting - 2^d day 30th At the C. J. House through the day preparing for the M^g. of the directors of the Steam Mill Co^y - which took place in the e. g. - induced by the unpleasant state of the concern - some very serious questions were agitated - as affording the possible means of our extrication - and the further consideration referred to a M^g. of the stockholders to be called at the earliest day authorised by the By laws of the C.

The lamps were lighted again at 8 O'clk and the new lamp was fast waning for lack of Oil on my return home at 11 O'clk - I therefore extinguished the Common lamp, and left the other to be extinguished by the exhaustion of the minute qty. of Oil which remained in the wicks - The lamps were observed by Mr. A. Kassar in addition to my own family - and the superiority of mine as on the other w. g. was a good question -

3^d day 31 - Occupied chiefly with C^y House duties - and with considerations connected with the unfortunate position of our manufacturing affairs - returned late in the eve. Calling at Mother's to get a Glass of Milk on my way -

4th day Dec 7 Paid the Guaranty Com^y to the gentlemen who have propped my sinking Credit for the past year - It remains to be seen whether this intervention will have been of any permanent benefit - The gloom which hangs over my affairs remains without abatement the plan now meditated, if it could be carried out might save us but its practicability is very very doubtful - Edin

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went to Boston this morn., and Thomas
accomp. his cousin Wm. down the Bay
in the Pilot boat with his father and
cousin Sam^l W. Rodman & others to see
him off in the Florida for California
The rain in the forenoon was un-
conducive for the enjoyment of the sail &
but the wind was fair to speed the ship
on her way — I spent part of the
forenoon in writing a hasty report of
my experiments with the lamps and
a note to enclose the same to Mr.
T. Russell Coll. to get his aid & that
of Jo. Grinnell in promoting their adop-
tion in the Palmer's Isl. Light House
to test the gen^l. applicability of my
lamp & R. W. Oil to the Light Houses in
the U.S. — See copy of the report &c in
my business letter book — at the C^g
House in the eve and stopped a few min-
utes at Mother's on my way home —
5th day 2^d Engaged at the C^g Room &c before the
midweek meeting which I attended at Spring St.
house — and wrote at home at its close
and after noon & ~~even~~ as the C^g. Eo^g. went ~~at~~ home
Ma chere & at bro. Andrew's I called to see

C. W. Morgan - and rode with another 63
home to avail of her carriage to take
home my wife. I had a short call at
And. and saw Jon^c. Roberson whom my
engagements had before prevented my
seeing - he came to see Fred^d. before
he set off for California - The Col^d.
people had their Celebration of the
Emancipation of the Slaves in the Brit-
ish West Indies - the weather yesterday
being unfavorable - There were many
from abroad and they made a striking
appearance with their bands & procession
showy costumes - All went off I believe
satisfactorily they had speeches at Par-
kers Grove, to town Hall &c.

6th day 3^d - Went to the C^g. House in the
forenoon, and it being the day proclaimed
for a National Fast, I intended going to
hear Mr. Prentiss, but the main Church
was not open and I did not see any
sign of services which I find was held
in the Bart. I saw here H & sister & son & daughter
- I then went to the Episcopal I found
that also closed - passed the W^m. St. Baptist
with appar^{tly} the same result - thence
to the Victory of the Stone Ch^{ch}. where without

the Pastor, a prayer meeting was held —
 As its close came home to write for the mail
 and went twice to the Cars. to forward the let-
 ters — Saw there the returning. Visitants of the
 Col^d people — with a great number to be
 them — They filled a good portion of two Cars
 having one with the Band wholly to them —
 Solved who struck up a parting Air as
 the Cars moved off — There was a great
 Coll^d at the Depot, but all was quick
 and respectful. I felt thankful that
 the times had passed for outrages in the
 Cars or elsewhere on this class of people
 in New England at least — I wrote in
 the evg. at the C^y. House, and read in Dr.
 Channing before retir^d. Mr. Chen^d & H. & Theo^s.
 made a call as petitioners at ~~Chen^d~~ Benj^r.
 7th day 4th spent the forenoon at the C^y. House
 read the Paper for an hour or more after din-
 ner and then returned to my C^y. House duties
 and continued them till the evg. — Called on
 mothers on my way home, and read a little
 in Dr. Channings memoirs at its close —
 Edm^d Still absent — a letter from him in-
 forms that he expects to spend tomorrow
 with his fd. Wm. Baker

1st day 5th Took my walk to the Cemetery and placed a flowery tribute at the Shrine of Parental affection. - Returned by the wharf and took a plunge in the river - Attended my A.M. & P.M. at the Spring St. House and spent the Rem. of the day at home - read chiefly in Dr Channings Memoirs - J^r Hursey was here in the evg & Pring^g between meetings - S. Hammond was with us at dinner & then the evg. there being no m^y. in the evg. on acct. of Mr. Hortons indisposition Mr. Chen & detained from the m^y. by a headache - I went home with S. Hammond and called at Mothers & Andrews.

2^d day 6th Went to the Bank Directors meeting and was then occupied through the day & Evg. with C^y. House duties, gave some attention to an improvement in the fontain of the L. H. Lamp.

3^d day 7th Occupied chiefly with reference to the St. Paul Co^y's affairs preparation to the Stockholders Special meeting this evg - Read at Judge Prescotts Office the Chapter of the Revised Statutes relative to Man^y. Companies - Made several calls at Wood Bright & Co. to try the effect of my plan of having the bottom of the

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fountain of the L H Camp removable
at pleasure - met with some diffi-
culties which it took some time I thought
to overcome - The St. ^{my} mile m^y was held
in the evg. - and the desperate condition
of the concern was exposed - The plan
of sayg something to ourselves by an
additional building but attached to the
present one, though very sure of its
expediency - looks to be impracti-
cable with any means and influence
which we can command - Noth-
ing was matured & an adjournment
to 6th day evg. was ordered
4th day 8th busily engaged with Cg.
House business through the day, but
with gloomy forebodings - Rode home
with Mother, Sister Elsie who dined
at our house - the pressing duties
w^{ch} devolve upon me at the time pre-
vented my being much with her, except
at dinner and I could not come to take
tea with her - Deborah Watson here
to tea - our sons Ed & Thos. went down
the bay with their Cousin who has taken
his departure in the Citizen for California.

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Went to the C^y House before breakfast
and devoted myself in the forenoon to making a
Statement of the Factory Concerns - to see if any
Change of plan can be effected by the present Stock
holders making a great Sacrifice - afternoon
in consultation with the Pres^t. & Supt. on the sub-
ject and with one or two others - without
much encourage^t. of success - At home in the
evg. had J. Nor^d & M^r. Phipps and the brother of
the latter at tea - called with G. Hursey to see
W. K. Ketch relative to the Factory affairs be-
fore tea, but we were not able to hit upon
anything that would relieve our embarrass-
ments -

6th day 10th Went early to the C^y House to write
by the morning train, and was occupied by
fac^y. affairs & correspondence till the close
of the afternoon Mail - read an hour
after dinner, and then to the C^y House to
make a com^t. to the Coll^y. relative to my
L. & H. lamp asking his influence with Mr.
Pleasanton 5th Auditor of the U. S. Treasury
Dept. for its introduction into the new L^y H.
now building on Palmyra Island - The adj.
M^y. of the Stockholders of the S^t. Mine Co was
held but then not being a full att^y. the M^y. was
till tomorrow evg. - Sister E. bro^t. me home in mother's car^{riage}.

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17th day 11th Mo. 1849
Occupied with my business Cases
till the close of the forenoon then to dinner read
the Boston Paper afterwards & then finished the
day & evg. at the Cg. House where there was
held the adj. Mj. of the St. Mill Coy. but as
there was not a full attend^{ce} the Mj. was
adj. for a week — had a call from E. Howland
1st day — Walked to the Cone before breakfast
and saw the position of the piece of Marsh
(which E. Howland's mother wanted to sell —
on my return was surprised to find that Frank
had ar^d from Springfield last night — atten-
ded Mj. at the Spring Street house, where
were Isaac Cotton wife Susan Smith &
her son DeWyn — R.C. app^d in prayer & exhor-
tation — a great rain fell during the latter
Mj. — about 2 1/2 in. in about an hour —
read R. D. Channing edifying Memoirs
— and took tea & spent the evg. at Mother's
with E. Robinson family & guests, Jos^{ph} R^{ob}
S. & M. Tucker

2^d day 13th left home in the Morn^g. Cars
for Boston A. G. Sull in Coy to buy Cotton &
see if any thing could be done to put our
establishment on a footing of equality with other
large Mills by increasing the Capacity by
a new building for mules — effected the

one object though at a high rate - as to the other after a long conference with Almy Patterson he could gather no encouragement from that quarter - which makes the project about hopeless - I made some enquiry about my lamp. but not having the model with me I could not come to any thing definite in regard to having them made returned at evg. and remained at home except making a call with Mrs. Chere H. on our neighbor Abby Howland on the death of her son Thomas - who died day before yesterday - he was one of associates in boyhood of remarkably exemplary character -

3^d day 14th Engaged at the C^y House till about the clos^e of the afternoon mail - and after dinner attended the funeral services for the interment of Tho^s. H. Howland - at the close went with Mrs. Chere H. & sister Eliza to call on Grace Collins & wife & the Burlington party at Matthias Howland's - on returning as it was near dark & Edm^d had invited Mr. Kesson and Mr. Perkins of Boston to tea I remained at home - and merely went to the C^y House to put up my books - & spent the evg at home

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4th day 15th - Morning. Chiefly at home busily engaged at the C^y House till the departure of the Car for the Steam Boat, when I came home dined & remained to receive the Visit of J. Collins Wife & D. - his sister Susan Smith her Son & a young woman, Dilwyn's wife's Sister - his wife & Matthew & wife being detained at home, Jon^s. Roberson was also with us & sister Eliza - Mother being prevented by inflammation in the hand - we had a pleasant evening. The only drawbacks being the sad position of my pecuniary affairs which like an incubus weigh down my spirits -

5th day 16th. Occupied so busily at the C^y. Room that I could not go to meetg. as I wished to do - partly to take J. Collins's as its close to see my dear mother. he called here before me - having now to perform all of the duties of clk as well as Treas^r of the Cotton Mill and to keep my private acc^{ts}. &c I am very closely taxed - afternoon & Evening at the C^y. House -

6th day 17th Engaged as usual at the C^y. House except that I called to see J^r. P. Taber very late ward in the afternoon he is apparently fast approaching his end. with Consumption - he was of age on the 10th ult

7th day Gave some attention to J. P. Tabors
affairs and called to see him - run of
the day and wj. at the C^y House - The adj.
Meeting of the A^m Will C^y. was held with
nothing being yet apparent for improving
our condition the m^y. was adj^d again for
one week - I was not at home till mid
night

1st day 19th Walked to the Cemetery after break-
fast and took a Sea Bath on my return at
the wharf - attended m^ys. at the Sp^s-St Hse.
and read in Dr. Channing's Memoirs - Bro^r
Benjⁿ called with Ch^r. Purist - and the
latter was here at tea and I went to the
Epis^t. Church with him & the females of
the fam^y - He is F. M. Weld's partner &
is a very respectable young man - He is the
gent of my bro^r & our sons walked part of
the way out with him -

2^d day 20th Engaged at the C^y. House & through-
most of the day & the early part of the e^vg -
Mother & Sister E. being with the fam^y. at tea
I thought to be at home earlier - I called to
see my poor sick Ward - with reference to
the settle^t. of my Account with him as Guardⁿ
3^d day 21 - Saw Dr. W and after breakfast

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about a further supply of my dental deficiencies
 — was twice at Fish Island about my lamp
 business having engaged 1000 of them @ 25¢ with
 an understanding with S. Sisson that if he makes
 a bad job he must be in some way considered.
 rest of the day at the Cg. House — and till
 midnight — busy with J. P. Taber's acct —
 4th day 22 Engaged at the Cg. House most of the day
 completed my acct. with J. P. Taber and took it to
 him for examⁿ. I was at the Cg. Hse. till mid-
 night — and made particular observation on
 the performance of my lamp — Had J. yesterday
 emptied all of the lamps of the family and
 taken the small residuum of the oil Can (it
 being the last of the 2 bls. from the Mag. Corp.)
 consisting of about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a lb. and w^{ch} had not
 burnt well for the last few days. — The Parlor
 lamp wicks I found spoiled for capillary action
 by the glutinous sediment w^{ch} had been incrusting
 by just into the lamp — I took this residuum
 of the lamps and the oil Can to the Store, and last
 evg. replenished my lamp which had guttered day
 before rec^d. the residuum of the oil Can of the Cg. Hse.
 the wick in the lamp has been in use about 2 weeks
 — The light was good for the 1st hour and then fell
 off rapidly, after raising the wicks sev. times. I

replaced them with new — Still the light was indifferent and the wicks were raised once or twice before I extinguished it about 12 O'clk. — I had the heads of the Oil barrels which I have had on top, taken out, and the other barrel decanted, obt. g. thus about $1\frac{1}{4}$ Gls — which I also took for use at the Cg. room — I refilled the lamp a large portion of the Oil having been consumed, this w. g. — by pour. g from the top of the Oil, pot. — (the residue of the Home lamps) and without altering the wicks for the w. g. the light was very brilliant, so as fully to supply my wants (in port. g. &c) till 12 O'clk, when it was extinguished — I was sent for by Mr. T. Russell at the Customs House about noon of this day — he showed me a strong recommendatory letter from Jos. Guinnell to Mr. Pleasanton and read me one which he had written of similar import in favor of trying my lamps in the new light house in our harbor — which I hope will induce the 5th Auditor to consent to the experiment — Benj. R. Smith of Phil^a arrived w. g. from Boston and will remain till tomorrow afternoon — On exam^d the float head of my Oil barrel designed to protect the surface of the Oil from the action of the atmosphere — I found

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that the pine wood of which it was made, had become so saturated with the oil as to permit the oil to flow partially over the upper surface. I have therefore attached three tin tubes across the under surface, which will permanently keep it out the proper elevation for the end designed -

5th day 23. At home before breakfast, with our guest - afterwards busily engaged at the C^y House, so much so that I could not get home to dine with the fam^y. which I much wished to do on acct. of B.R.S. He with Edm^r left in the Car at 3½ O'Clock. the latter to stop at Fall River the former to proceed home after Shanty. A day at Newport - I was at the C^y Room till about 11 - The lamp had been emptied and the small deposits of concrete matter removed - & re-filled with the same inferior oil - The light though not raised to its maximum effect was very satisfactory through the ev^y. the wicks untouched till extinguished

6th day 24th. At home and variously occupied - spently in relation to Frank's Cove lot in the forenoon called at M. Tabers to enquire after J.P.T. after dinner & went to the T. N. Depot with a letter for Fr^r. Being a few minutes too late for the mail rem^d. of the afternoon at the C^y house - ev^y. at home to meet Jos Russell & fam^y. in the ev^y - Day

his step Mr. Wm. Freeman his two daughters
and his wid. Mother's wife -

7th day 25th Engaged at the Cg. House through
the day & evg till very late -

1st day 26 Walked to the Cemetery before break-
fast and took a bath in the river on my return -
attended the meetings in Spring St. and with my
Mr. Ellen in the evg. at the Unⁿ. M^g House in Wmⁿ.
St. and heard a sermon from John Ware - I
called at Mother's and friend Russell's and at
James Arnold's & friend Russell's health is fast fail-
ing - My Cousin Sarah has returned from her
Journey much of an invalid - and has been to-
day confined to her bed - S. Hammond with
us at dinner & as usual -

2^d day 27 Occupied by my business cares
& troubles through the day & evg till a
late hour. Met with other creditors of Wm. P. Pitman who

3^d day 28th Spent the M^g forenoon at
Cg House duties - had Sister Lydia and
Mary with Mother & Sister Eliza to dinner
&c - Mary's baby is a bright little girl - but her
attendance is rather laborious, as her home
habits are interfered with by the excite^d of
the strange faces &c about her, our nice
Daily Potch found as at tea & her three little

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Children were here in the afternoon - the late hopeless invalid Helen, has as healthy an appearance as any Child we meet with - her restoration is very remarkable & will tend to sustain the Cr of Dr. Elger whom her parents took her to Phil. to consult Dr Elger - I rode home with Mother & Sister Eliza - and thence to the Cj Room to dispose of my books for the night - on getting home found W. J. R. who came for his wife & Sister B. Knight took them home also -

4th Day 21st devoted most of the day to removing the obstructions in the brick tunnel which receives the waste water of the House it was a very unpleasant & laborious job and with the aid of an Irishman part of the forenoon and of G. Sawyer in the eve O'Connell & I succeeded in effecting the object - a rope being passed through from the Cistern in the Cellar entry to the Office covered with a Stone by the west sink - & then by much labor and perseverance in hauling back & forth small sticks of wood &c increasing the size as they could be forced through - till a hole could be made to follow and unimpeded the object

In the course of the process the perpendicular Stone in the Cesspool broke & we had to get in another, this was so plain that it may be taken out when required for going through a similar operation — Having been detained almost entirely from the C^y House — I went there in the ev^g — The adj^y of the S. M. Co^y, then this ev^g. was further adj^d nothing having yet been matured to relieve us from our financial troubles — took a shower bath before going to bed
5th day 30th Occupied assiduously at the C^y House & through the day and till very late in the ev^g — In my absence Delia C^y T. Shackleby & Wm. T. Russell called, the former with reference to my late word her nephew Jm^s P. Tabor who is failing fast —

6th day 31st A note from E. M. Robinson informed me that his brother William was in town, by the invitation of the Pres^t. of our St^m Mill Co — and w^d meet us at any time before 3 O^{cl}k — I arrived at the mill, — called to see W. T. Russell on my way thither — who informed me that he had rec^d a letter from W. Pleasanton, w^{ch} he read to me — The old gentleman it appears is still pre-

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judiced against my camp for the Light House
on Palmers Island notwithstanding the strong
commendatory letters of our Collector and
Members of Congress - He yet appears wholly
to misunderstand the construction and mode
of application in the L. H. though plainly
told that that is exactly similar to those now
in use - I proposed to get the Certificate
of Capt Jonⁿ Howland who has long been
in the employ^t of the Government in sup-
plying the L. H. on the Atlantic Coast to
the points both of construction and applica-
tion to be sent by the Coll^r to the 5th And.
- Thence to the mill and passed the forenoon
with W^m A. Robinson his brother Edw^d being
with us the first half of the time, w^h was spent
in showing them the mill and premises -
and the desirable enlargement to put it on
a par with the best establishments in the
country - It appears that W. A. R. and his
brother will be disposed to unite in the plan
if we will submit to a sufficiently low val-
uation of our present establishment to suit
their ideas, the former to come here and be the ag^t.
and Controller of the concern, he being an expe-
rienced man - and presumed to be very

competent for the Siteration — On this point we
 are to make up our minds and inform them —
 — after despatching the most urgent business at
 the C^y. House — called as requested at Mary
 Tabors — poor John appears much more
 feeble than a few days since — took my
 Auct^r. as Guardian to submit it to Judge Pres-
 per to completing it — and towards eve^g
 took it completed with my note for the
 balance — and took his discharge as directed
 on the same — to be retained by me or lodged
 in the Probate Office — — Called to see Sis-
 ter Lydia and found them at their eve^g.
 meal — and from Mother's to the C^y. House
 till midnight —

7th. day 9 m^o! — At the C^y. Hce most of the
 day I all the day — except that I was
 called upon as the only owner in town to
 enter at the Custom House the Ship Maria
 Captⁿ. Coffin — ar^d this forenoon from the
 Indian Ocean with 1050 bls. S^o. Oil — made
 also an attempt to get Jon^a. Howland's Certif-
 icate about my L. H. Lamp to be forward-
 ed to day to Washington, as the time is
 up the new L. H. is near or hand — At the
 of the S. M. Co. at the C^y. Hce. this eve^g. important matters
 were acted on — it was near 12 when the day

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1st day 2^d - At home all day except attending meeting at the Spring St. House. passed much time in the Observatory preparing for record the short minutes of the St. ^{my}well meeting of last eve - Omitted my accustomed walk and bath - wrote up my j^l before breakfast and read the bible - in the eve in Dr Channings memoirs

2^d day 3^d - Devoted my time to Cf. & the duties &c - called at the Custom House, and W^m T. Russell read me a letter to Mr. Pharamton & Jon^r. Howland's Certificate in favor of a trial of my lamp in the new L. House the fact that Capt. Howland has for 20 years been entrusted by the Gov^t with the supplying of the L Houses, and making all necessary repairs of the apparatus we think may have some weight with the old gentleman in overcoming his prejudices - against innovation or ^{or towards} established usages - I was at the Cf & the till about midnight prepared a sheet for verifying my ledger entries for the last 3 1/4 years

3^d day 4th Occupied assiduously at the Cf. room devoted all of the time w^{ch} I could spare from my current duties to putting up my sheet ledger took some time in

fitting One of the large tin lamps which
I have used at the house to give the re-
quired addition to light of my C^y. Room
lamp to give the required light over the
whole of the continuous ledge sheet. the oil
is the residuum of my two lbs from the mag-
and from its impurities requires a frequent
renewal of the wicks. I had to renew
those in the Store Lamp w^{ch} had become
so gummed at the lower extremities as
to prevent the oil passing freely through
them - when renewed, the two lamps
gave a light in ample diffusion &
great brilliancy till midnight

4th Day 5th Occupied as yesterday this
the day & ev^g - Lights burned with
great effects so as to make it almost
equal to the day for my long ledge sheet
left the C^y. here about midnight

5th Day 6th Spent the morn^g. in my review
had a call on the arrival of the Cass from
M. Spring of N York, of one of the houses
who now sell our goods - Spent the time
with him till 1 - at my correspondence
till late dinner & after at my proof
porting - from the inferiority of the oil
the lights fell off late in the ev^g & I left at 11

8th 6th day 7th. Repaired early to the Og Hour
to get on with my proof sheet - and devoted
all of the time that I could spare through
the day - The arrival of the Winslow at
4 O'Clock. caused a trying interruption
the report being more unfavorable than
I had ever allowed myself to fear 350 bls.
Sp. instead of 650 as before reported - he
having sold 300 bls. on the voyage - a sad
voyage for all concerned - found it ne-
cessary to re-wick the lamps - after
which the light from the impure oil
was splendid. Contin. my work till
past midnight

7th day 8th got to my work soon after Sun-
rise, and contin. it till late breakfast - Part
of the day mostly given to the entry of the Wins-
low and Settle with some of the men who
came home on mof. wages. So bad a repute
had the Wins^l obt^d at Sidney that the Capt.
could not ship the men on the whaling rule.
- contin. my ledger work in the evg. but my
late vigils and strenuous exertions for the week
obliged me to quit at 10 O'Clock -

1st day 9 - The accumulating business consequent
on the close of the disastrous voyage of the Wins-
low - in addition to my already too heavy burthen

made it seem right to spend a part of the day^{8³}
morning & afternoon in forwarding my proof ledger
— attended Mr. A. M. & P. M. at the Spring St. House
— called at M. Gifford & Mothers — on return-
ing from mothers at 5 1/2 O'clk. found a meth-
odist Mr. in the Portico &c. of the Town Hall
& street & space in front — I stopped and
witnessed the rest of the exercises — The speaker
was earnest and fluent — and the auditory
probably in great degree accidental ap-
parently serious & attentive — he had quite
a youthful appearance, and as I learned
is settled over the Elm St. Congregation —
— Edm.^d from Mr. Perkins of Roxbury was
with us at tea — and I went in the evg. to
the Unit. Mch. — and heard a striking sermon
from Mr. Weiss on the text "Keep thy heart
with all diligence for out of it are the
issues of life" — Sally Hammond here
as usual in the intermission of the Episco-
pal Services — as w^{ch} the sermons by the
Pastor were said to be very good —

2^d day 10th Went early to the C^y Hse to continue my
proof ledger had an arduous day from the cares
and anxieties of the times increased by the sad
voyage of the Winslow — Hor^c & Elisha Leon-
and were with us at tea & evg

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3rd day 11th Gm. 1849
Went to the Store before breakfast
and was assiduously engaged with my press-
ing and anxious cares in the evg completed
my proof Porting and came home at 10 O'clk
4th day 12th besides attending to my other
necessary business - took of the balances
of my ~~pre~~ ledger and put them to the proof
sheet - got home after midnight - Cal-
led after dinner to see my poor sick Ward
- found Mr. Holmes there who led in
prayer for the emaciated sufferer. He
was at times greatly distressed and seemed
resigned & desirous to be released - called
at Mother's and wrote a note to Ma Chen
to send him some flowers, as the
sense of sight seems the only sense thro
wh^{ch} he can receive any momentary pleasure
or alleviation from his great prostration &
pain -

5th day 12th Pressing business cares and duties
have commanded most of my time through
the day, called in the forenoon to see my
poor sick Ward - he was more quiet un-
der the composing effect of medicine - and
evinced a very peaceful and trustful state of
mind looking with pleasure to the Spirit-

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al world which he was soon to enter and be
relieved from the physical suffering which he
he had so long and patiently endured, and w^{ch}
for the last few days had been greatly aggravated
— he manifested an overflowing love to God & man
which it was delightful to witness, for its
present blessedness and the Confirmation which
it adds to the potency of Religious Faith and
trust to support in youth as in age, under
the pains of sickness, and ~~the~~ above the fear
of death — I called between five & six P.M.
and found that he was fast verging to the last
struggles of mortality which were over about
Six — I was at home in the U.S. May
dear aged Mother & Sister Eliza being with
us at tea

6th day 13 — Called to see the surviving men
of the family in which Death has made
another inroad — and had some consulta-
tion relative to the last tribute of respect to
our de^d young friend — The urgency of my
business here occupying the rem^t of my time
and till and confining me to the C^{of} House
till after midnight —

7th day 14 — A good deal of the day was
occupied with reference to the funeral obsequies

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of young Taber - funeral at 3 O'clk. Ser-
mon by Rev Silvester Holmes from the text
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord &c
- interment at the Oak Grove Cemetery.
I rode with the family - a shower pre-
vented my wife from being at the funeral
services, as a cold and throat - Edm^d at-
tended - I spent a short time at the
C^y H^{se} and came home to supper when
I was detained by a call from Ch^l Hunter &
wife & from S. Griffith Morgan & wife. - the
latter to take leave prior to his sailing
for California - till it was too late to
do more than to put up my books at the
C^y H^{se} for the night - took a salt water bath
at dusk.

1st Day 16th Spent some time in the observ^y
in unfinished C^y H^{se} business of yesterday before
breakfast - went to my A. M. & P. M. at the
Frd^s. house in Oak Street - walked to the
Cemetery at the close of the first sup. Read
in D. Chan. 7th Mem^{rs}. the omitted names of
last week - at the close of the day called
to see Mother whom I found quite im-
well with her Catarrhal affection - and Edg^r
Fisher then she having on this morning with

Ch^r. & Sarah from Penn^a - E. J. at home, had J^r -
D. Channings previous - Sally Hammond
with us at dinner as usual on this day of the
week - Thos. confined to the house by his
cold - Ed^d. by pain in his teeth -

2^d day 17th Assiduously occupied with my
anxious & pressing care till after the closing
of the mail - dined and then made
a call at Mary Tabers where I was
somewhat detained by a shower - met
Sister Sarah at Mothers who is better to
day - finished the day & ev^g at the C^y.
House rem^g. there till late

3^d day 18th Assiduously occupied thro^o
the day with the claims of business &c
on my time - at home to tea and
in the ev^g - had Sarah Macy and
family with her bro^r. Matthew & his
two children from Ohio and her sis-
ter Lydia & Martha & Charles to visit
us - They are all very worthy & interesting
people - Sally Hammond came with
them -

4th day 19th Attended to my C^y. House business
most of the day and ev^g - made a call
at Mothers - On M^d. I went on a jaunt to
Horse Neck & ret^d. about 8 o'clock - the weather fine & clear

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5th day 20th 9 m^o 1849
Went to the C^y Home as usual
before breakfast and gave my time to bu-
siness there chiefly till dinner calling at
mother's with our daughter Ellen to ask
her sister E & E Fisher to visit us at tea

In the afternoon went by invitation from
the Coll^t with him & Winslow Lewis to
the New L House at Calumet Island - the
former being the contractor for the lighting
apparatus - The Lantern not being glazed
it had to leave without putting in his
kumps as he expected to do - Capt^m J^r
Delano accompanied us - E. J. at home
with our aged mother & sister E & E. F.

- Judge Prescott called in the ev^g -

6th day 21st Engaged at the C^y Home in my
daily toil, made ten fold more heavy by anxie-
ties that attend it - worked till late in the
ev^g had a call then from Fisher learn-
ing of the house of Waln & Leaming Phil^d
had much conversation with him in which
A. G. Sull participated about our cotton
business - got home before 12

7th day 22 Went to the C^y Home before
breakfast and devoted myself to my
pressing engagements through the day

Had a long interview with F. L. Seamy in the forenoon — and a consultation with the other owners of the Winslow in the afternoon — At the C^y House again till late with reference to the Ship Winslow's voyage — making notes from the Log books 1st day 2^d. Took a Shower bath before breakfast and attended meetings as usual at the S^{py} St. House — Spent rest of the day chiefly in looking over & taking notes from the Winslow's Log Books — an interminable duty most of the day but rendered necessary from the am^t of labor which devolves upon me — Fisher Seamy was at Ch^y with my family and took tea with us — he appears to be a very good, as well as intelligent man — as a strong Episcopalian well informed on all matters connected with the Church, his company was very interesting to Ma Chere & Sister & Daughters — D. Tobey of Providence and a young man spoke at the M^y. M^y. — and our fr^d Susan Howland preached in the afternoon — she did not strike me as having improved in her life or manner during her mission to England — her sister Rhoda made a prayer in the forenoon —

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2^d day 24th. At the Cy House as usual before breakfast, called at F. Leamings lodging in the afternoon after breakfast, and had another conversation with him on our mg business in the forenoon at the Cy house — arduously engaged at the Cy House through the rest of the day and till abt. 9 in the evg — rem^d at home with my family & pleasant w^{ch} I rarely enjoy, except at meals and ~~but~~ partially then — a msg. of the Father Mat-
thias Com^d was not announced to me till too late to attend

3^d day 25 — At the Cy House through the day and till after 10 in the evg — had a call from W. N. Hazard relative to the rent of the Bellevue I complain as heretofore of his inability to pay the stipulated rent at w^{ch} I am disappointed, my necessities being greater than ever. Of which I had evidence today in a call from Abm. Russell of Dartmouth for security for a debt w^{ch} I owe him. Our sons Ed^d & Thos. went down to the J. J. Fay to see S. G. Morgan off. But the wind prevented the sailing of the ship —

4th day 26 Went to the Cy House before breakfast after that meal went to the Mansion House to see Father Matthias who arrived from Fall River last evg. — He spent the morn^g at

the Roman Catholic Ch^{ch} where he gave the
pledge to 150 persons, at 9¹/₂ O'Clock he
returned - And about this time the organized
Temp.^{le} Societies marched by with their drum
together with the Carriage occupied by the
Mayor & one of the Aldermen who soon
counter marched when Father Matthew took
his seat beside the Mayor J.B. Congdon Ch^{man}
of the Com.^{tee} of arrange^{mt}. & Deaⁿ Grant -
The Carriage of the Com.^{tee} of arrange^{mt}. followed
and then others with the Municipal Officers
- and the procession moved through the prin
cipal Streets North & South & County where
the School Children & their teachers were
arranged on each side ground. A very
beautiful sight - the side walks &
fronts of the houses were occupied by throngs
of our Citizens eager to set their eyes on the
Apostle of Temp.^{le}, who stood much of
the time in an open barouch uncovered to re
turn the greeting of the people of all ages
- flowers, and wreaths were presented
to him, in abundance on the route - at
Lib^{ty} Hall, ^{after being introduced by the Mayor who presided} addresses of welcome were made
by J.B. Congdon Ch^{man} and W. Holmes of the Com.
He modestly replied and speeches were made
by G.W. Bungay of Canada, Deaⁿ Grant of Boston &

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Wm A White of Watertown - The building party
did not fear more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the people who
would gladly have been in - Some of the
Comtee of arrange^t and invited guests dined
with him at the Mansion & included the
Mayor & Aldermen - He called to see
my Uncle Wm Rotch Jr after dinner by
his request - and the services of the day
were closed by a temp. a m^g in the eve
at which G. W. Bungay & W. A White made
effective Speeches - also Sen. Grant -
5th day 27th Occupied before breakfast and
through the forenoon by my pressing and C^y
House duties - Chiefly in consultation with
David Whitman who came at my request thro
Zachariah Allen to aid us with his advice
about our Cotton Mill - He is quite at home
on these subjects and I hope that he may
be able to strike out some changes of man-
ner and style of goods which may save us from
the apparently impending ruin of our present
course - after dinner went to the Cath^l Ch^h
and saw Father Matthias give the Pledge of
total abstinence from intoxicating liquors to sev-
eral Candidates - then went to the C^y H^l &
rem^d till dark when I came home to meet my

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Congdon, to see if Father Matthew would
call on us & would call on us

Mother Sister Eliza & Eliz Fisher. Called at J.B.
6th Day 28th Father Matthew not being at J.B. Cong-
don's last evg - I called early at the Mansion House
to see if he would favor us with his Comp. Y. at Break-
fast - his engagements at the Church and his pro-
posed visit to the Alms House, House of Com. & Public
Schools ^{with the Mayor & Aldermen} did not permit him to accept - I saw
him again on his return from the Ch^{ch} having met
him on he was leaving it, and walked with
him to his lodgings - he appointed to call with
me at my house at 12 O'clk when he thought
he should be through with his engagements -
I was therefore at the Mansion House with
my Mother's Carriage at 12 O'clk, but he had
not returned and after waiting with A. Robe-
son who accompanied me till 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clk J.B.
Congdon & Father M. drove to my Mother's where
A & I left to wait to meet him - It gave my
Mother great pleasure to meet him as it did
to my Sister E. Fisher Bro Benj of the Servants, to
one of them he administered the Total Abstinence
Pledge - J.B.C. said there would not be time for
him to go to my house as he had to go again to
the Church and but 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours remained for him
to do this, dine and get to the Cars - I therefore
reluctantly acquiesced - and took a seat

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with them and rode to the Church - Then he administered the Pledge to a considerable number - and judg^d that there might be a few minutes to spare, as he left the Church I had my mother's Car[?] at hand and prevailed upon him and J. B. C. to take seats in it with my sister C. and we drove there and shared the pleasure of introducing to him my wife & Children - Ed. May left home for Boston this morn^g - could not share in the pleasure after stopping a few minutes I took them to the Maurice house, and after din^g I and A. R. with J. W. Kellum drove to the Depot, and there as he was in the Car with crowd round him taking leave and receiving his kind farewells I went in the Car and again gave him the Parting Salutation - The even^g of the day I devoted to my pressing business cares and was late at the C^y House.

7th day 29 - Devoted myself to business at the C^y House, at home, and at W. H. Taylor's P. Office at the taking of Ab. Gifford's deposition relating to the whale due the Wm's low from the St. Hibernia of L. London - Ev^g very late at the C^y House, had Capt Simon

There part of the time to supply some of his deficiencies in noting the time of the engage⁺ and discharge of the men — on his late voyage
1st day 30th Walked to the Cemetery after breakfast and returned by the C^g House where I stopped till after breakfast — went to the M^y. at the Lyceum, Uncle W^m was then very feeble. I aided him to the Carriage — called after dinner at Mary-Tubers and accomp^d the family to Mr. Holmes Church to hear his discourse on the death of J^{no}. P. Tubers which was very good and impressive returned there after the M^y & staid till dark — rem^d of the day at home

2^d day 10th May Went to the C^g Hse before breakfast and after that meal to the B.C.B. directors board — at the close of the business I informed the M^y. that I sh^d. not be a candidate for re-election at the M^y. of the Sth holders this day accordingly engaged at the C^g Hse so through day & ev^g — where I remained till late

3^d day 12th — Went to the R.R. Depot in the M^y to see Capt. Sears who had proposed to go with Simons late Capt. of the Winston to see the O^{wn}. of the Hibernia about the whale of which the former ship was robbed by Capt. Smith

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of the latter - He did not arrive to see in
the Cars - He appeared in the forenoon, and
entered warmly into the plan of sending the W.
with Lumber &c to S.^t Francisco - which
had been suggested by C. W. Morgan - and
we took immediate measures about it.
The rem.^t of my time till late in the eve was
devoted to C^y House business till very late
in the eve &

4th July 3rd - Went to the R.R. Depot to
see Capt Sears. He with Simons went
in the Cars for N. London - I was engaged
as usual at the C^y House through the
day & eve

5th July 4th - A slight abrasion of the
foot by the boot on 2^d day from walking
in the wet, and inattention afterwards
has disabled me for much walking I there-
fore remained at the C^y House all day &
eve. - at my sheet ledger &c to prepare for
going on with the bookkeeping subsequent to
the period thus reviewed and was at the
work till midnight.

6th July 5th Still disqualified for much
walking. I was at the C^y the whole day
& eve - having my dinner sent to me

7th Day 6th. Yet disabled for much walking
I have therefore spent this day also at the
Ct. House wearing a shoe as a Sandal. Capt.
Sears has returned and find the Ocu^r of
the Hibernia, chiefly under the influence
of Smith the late Capt. Refuse to do us
justice - unless compelled to do so -
- the Case is a flagrant one and must not
yet be abandoned - heavy rain and
a strong N.E. Gale detained me at the
Ct. House till past 1 O'Clock, when the
rain abated and I came home -

1st Day 7th. Rose and took an early break-
fast and went to the Ct. House and staid till half
time, when I went to the Lyceum M^g - The
weather being a N.E. Storm ^{neither} my Uncle nor any
of his family were present - Nor any woman
my ~~brother~~ ^{brother} Mr & myself making 2/5 of the m^g -
called as mothers - and after dinner went
with my family to funeral Services at the
House of our aged neighbor Sarah Russell
She have I died the latter part of the week
aged 87 - from this House went with me -
here to the Episcopal Ch^{ch} - rather late
from the prev^l Services and the rain - accom-
panied her home & then went

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again to the C^y House, where most unwil-
lingly my affairs obliged me to be —
2^d day 8th At the C^y House through the day &
evg - till late as usual

3^d day 9th Pursuing as of late my anxious &
arduous labors through the day & evg - excepting
some time taken in seeing our dear Sue with
her Aunt, & Cousin Eliz^a. Set off in the Cars for a
visit to Myrtle & Phil^a Eden^a accompanies
them as far as Newport where they expect
to meet David Smith. Hetty & their Son & daughter
on their return from their visit to Newport.

4th day 10th Occupied as usual with my anx-
ious and arduous labors, which allow me no
leisure with my family, or for the Voluntary
employment of my time - as the C^y Hse
till very late

5th day 11th Still at work with little success
in redressing the Am^t of labor still before me
a life of toil discomfort & Anxiety, with nothing
in the present or in prospect to compensate for the
privations of domestic enjoyments which it
entails - But I must submit to it in the best
way I can and endeavor to discharge the
onerous duties which fall upon me -

6th day 12 At the C^y House before break-
fast and till very late in the evg

7th day 13th. Detained at home some time after breakfast to aid J. S. Webb in taking out the Mr. Paulor Grate to repair the Cart Iron back which had an open Crack which rendered it unfit for use - rem^d of the day given to the business of the Winslow & St. ^{my} Mile Co^y. till late in the evening

1st day 14th. Took breakfast before the family and then went to the C^y House till neg. which I attended at the Lecture - My Uncle not able to be there - probably I was with him (Thursday 2 weeks) at the last meeting which he was at - He appears to be sinking under the infirmities of old age - a strong Constitution, not misused, having nearly exhausted its functions - T. A. Greene made a very concise and acceptable com^{to} to the small assemblage - My sister Edira bro^r W^m & myself meeting $\frac{3}{8}$ of the whole - Called afternoon with my bro^r to see our mother who is very comfortable - came home to dinner and met our Mr^r Hammond who has been prevented on the two last first days from vis^g us by rain - in^d after I went to the C^y House to see the time before neg in getting up my books preparatory to giving my attention to the Settlement of the Winslow's voyage for which the Captⁿ & the few men who performed

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the whole Voyage are very impatient, and I am very desirous to make the preparatory State^{ts} in ^{ch} from the mismanagement of the voyage are very true blame, as soon as possible — Contrary to my wish as to my intention I thought it proper to remain thus employed through the afternoon & evg — and accordingly, though lunch in the Cross did so —

2^d day 15th Occupied through the forenoon chiefly in relation to the Voyage for the Wins^{on} — some doubts have arisen with some of the av^s about the contemplated Xpress^{es} to Califor^{nia} — afternoon & evg at the Wins^{on} as usual.

3^d day 16 — Occupied through the day and evg at the Cg. House & chiefly in relation to the Winslow's Voyage — I called in the Mrg. at T. & G. Green's lodgings to get the address of the Sup^t. of the State Reform School at Westborough, having written a letter to go with little Andrew Wilkins, who for his preservation from evil is sent there by the Car today — we heard of Cousin Helly Fisher's death, and from our dear Sue in N. York — who will probably be delayed by this event in her visit to Wakefield and Philadelphia —

— Got home at 1/2 past 10 —

4th day 18th Occupied as usual at the C^y. House
se most of the forenoon in relation to the pro-
posed voyage of the Ship Winslow to California
the last month ^{several} owners being indisposed for the
enterprise - rem^d of the day devoted to the C^y.
of the Winslow with reference to an adj^t with
the Off^r & owners - C^y. M^d myself wish her to go to ^{Cal^a}

5th day 19th - Thoroughly engaged with the Wins-
low's accounts through the St^y Mill business
claimed some of my time in the eve^g - Edm^d
returned from Boston to day having been absent
since 2^o or 3^o day -

6th day 19th Occupied at the C^y. House
with the acc^ts relating to the settle^t of the
Winslow's Voyage made difficult and
laborious from the mismanagement attend-
ing it paid some attention to the prepar-
ation of the light House lamps and re-
flectors - ev^g. as usual at the C^y 18th

7th day 20th Occupied so imperatively with
my C^y House business that I could not
come home to see some of my wife's L^y.
friends who came in the N^y Cars and
staid till the afternoon train -

Andrew & wife and son & D^r. - I took
a hearty dinner at my mother's - ev^g at the
C^y House

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Eliz. Morgan here -

1st Day 21st. Attended the Lyceum Mry and
and in the afternoon at Spg St House - Sally
Hammond here at dinner - I passed some time
in the obs^y as my calculations require close
attention - which my work days are unfor-
tunately for the performance of with accu-
racy & despatch - a great trial to be com-
pelled to wk part of this day to the inferna-
l duties consequent on my embarrassed
pecuniary condition - Abby Orgood called
at dusk - and left early in the eve - &
F. Weld was here between 8 & 9

2^d. day 22^d. Occupied assiduously with the
accounts of the Winstons late Voyage through
the day & eve

3^d. day 23^d. Engaged at the desk chiefly
with the Winstons acc^{ts} through the day and
e^{ve} gave some attention to the preparations
for my light house experiment, had the busi-
ness slightly altered at the top, I having found that
a little oil rose over the ascending rim in burning.
Abby Orgood was with us at dinner and Wmth
Lester E. with the family at tea, I did not
get home till they had gone

4th day 24th. Went to the Cyfhe about 5m

me - And Marcus with little intermission this
the day & evg. gave some attention to the con-
struction of the L H Lamp, and returned in the
evg. in Mother's Car^g. which took Ma Chere &
to & fr. Lybie Robinsons, Sister E. calling for
me on their return -

5th day 25th Still busily occupied with the Win-
dows. acc^{to} interrupted to some extent with
other business - part of it relating to the
future destination of that ship - The Eastth
Wentport Owners being unwilling to send
her to California as they had consented
to do - I was very late at the C^y House and
~~did not return till the family had all retired~~

6th day 26 I learned this morn^g. that our son
Frank ar^d last evg. from Springfield -
Mother and Sister Eliza were here at
dinner & we had the addition of Aunt Nan-
cy Potch at tea - Our sons all at Fanny
Ricketts's party in compliment to Leander
Plummer & his wife the latter part
of the evg.

7th day 27 - Went about daylight to the
C^y House, and devoted myself to the pressing
duties of the day - with only the necessary
intermissions till an advanced stage of the day

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The destination of the Winslow is now I consider decided for California by the purchase by Capt. Stall of Capt. Teas Interests.

1st Day 28th Contn^d. by onerous of the work to some extent. in the observatory in the morning and between meetings: went to the Lyceum in the forenoon - Thos. Agnew was absent - and we had a quiet opportunity. Cousin S. R. Arnold was there and I walked with her to my Uncle's to call on my Cousin Mary Emerson and enquire after him - He saw me after resting a little from the fatigue of getting from the Cat to his Chair - he has changed a good deal since I saw him about three weeks ago - and by the exhaustion with age of his physical powers appears to be sinking gradually to the grave, without any positive disease - his Stomach having failed to do its office, all the other functions must of necessity be impaired - I had intended to go with Anna there to hear Mr. Salter in the afternoon but his rather early departure to accommodate S. Hammond who was here as usual at dinner prevented my purpose - I went then.

due to the Sp^d - St^d M^g. of my own Society
 w^g. at home - with the family in
 its earlier stage, - and retired early, in
 order to do so by kind neighbors' grand restor^s.

2^d Demonitions -

2^d day 29th Occupied as usual through the day &
 w^g. at the C^t House &c

3^d day 30th Similarly Engaged with only
 the necessary intermissions -

4th day 31st Engaged as usual with the
 business old & new of the Winslow - the consequent
 adjustment of the late mismanaged Voyage in-
 volving very unusual labor, at the C^t. House
 till very late, to accomplish so far as was pos-
 sible the excess of work which devolves upon
 me

5th Day 11^{mo} 1 - At work at the C^t House
 &c through the day & w^g - mother & sister
 E. were with the family as tea but I could
 not intermit my labors, though desirous to
 do so till a later hour than their visit lasted
 at the C^t House

6th Day 2. To the C^t House as usual after
 an early breakfast - and devoted the day to
 business there till dinner - T. M. Hanson being
 with us - gave some time to the preparation

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of the L. H. Lamps — and made a long way
at the Cg — being a little after 12 — Frank
was detained by his attention to shipping
some Oil for Springfield from his dinner
and ~~omitted~~ the meal — There is an ener-
gy about him which makes him disregard
inconveniences — We had pleasant accounts
from our absent stars — they are still at
Wakefield whither Thos. will go for them next
week

7th Day 3^d — Devoted my time to business and
Cg. House duties through the day & we had
a closing interview with Capt. & Senious &
paid him the balance due Aaron Briggs
— he going to Hartford to gain a residence &
pursue the Ocoⁿ of the Winstan for his voyage
— They have not said that they would pay him
nothing but decline paying him anything till
time has been had to examine critically his
accounts —

7th Day 4th Remained at home and chiefly
working at the desk in the Observatory on my
accounts which I have been compelled to suffer to
get in a heap — except attending meetings —
All at the Lyceum where T. A. Greene spoke
and in the afternoon at the Spring St. House —
and a call at Mother's at the close of the

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My. M^r S. Hammond with us at dinner
as usual —

2^d day devoted the day to business at the
C^y. Hse &c — gave some time to my lamp
business in the early morn^g & afternoon
— returned from the C^y Hse about 1 O'Clock
compelled to do so by inability for want of
Sleep to pursue my work with effect to
a later hour —

3^d day 6th. At the C^y. House most of the day
w^{as} giving considerable time however to my lamp
business — to remedy one hitherto unanticipated
difficulty in ^{the} fountain or L.H. lamp — and in
preparing a couple of lamps with the appendages
to send by our son Thomas to Jo^s. S. Russell Philadel-
phia for which vicinity he left in the Car this
afternoon via Fall River to attend his Aunt
and Sister on their return home next week
— Spent the eve at the C^y. Room till 10' when I
went to Mother's to accompany my wife home
but she had left a few minutes before. Called
on my way home at C. W. Morgan's to accompany
our daughter Ellen thence but she too had
been called for by her mother & departed a few
minutes previous — Edm^d? went to the Vineyard
to day so that the family is reduced to their ex-
clusive of our assistants —

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4th day 7th 11 m 1844
At home before breakfast preparing
an agreement for the men who go in the ship Wins-
low - remainder of the day occupied at the C^y House &
with my Correspondence & in cludg a hasty letter to
our dear Susan - at the C^y House till after 11 -
called at mother's early in the evg. and had an
excellent Supper for which a rather hasty dinner
had prepared me - Edm^d returned from the Vine^d.

5th day 8th Occupied at the C^y House & after
the reg. when I was writing at home - late
at the C^y Hse in the evg oppressed with the
pecuniary difficulties which surround me
and filled with dark anxieties for the
early future

5th day Made C. W. Morgan a call about
9 O'clk - being prevented going so earlier by
a pouring & driving storm - and found him sleeping
after watch of Nathl D. Read - but at the hazard
of inconvenience by disturbing his repose; I saw him on
my liabilities, he having had the understanding
with my bro W^m relative to the fund orig^d from
the Manai Oie - By his aid in borrowing
I got the money wanted - and wrote to my br^s
in N. York on the subject finished the forenoon
at the C^y Hse. and after dinner took Mr. L. H.
Lump. to try it by a new contrivance for sup-
port of the Chimney put it in operation at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

O'lk — It burnt well for Six hours, the flame not being high, owing as I conceive to the excessive capillary action of the new wicks — which kept the base of the protruding portion of them flooded with the Oil — it gave a brilliant white light, but flagged a little in size of flame at the close of the experiment — On the whole the lamp exceeded my expectation, — it was about $\frac{3}{5}$ full at start, and by exposing it to the direct rays of the Sun to Dromore, I shall ascertain whether there is danger of trouble from lack of space for the effect of expansion when thus exposed, of the Oil & Air in the fountain —

7th day 10th Occupied at the C^y. House & most of the day lighting my lamp in the twilight, and let it burn untouched till after One the flame was white to the core but not large probably 2 in. in the earlier hours & 1 in in length at the close of the trial — no swelling over of the Oil took place on setting it in the Sun House, but the day was rather cloudy and therefore it may not be considered a decisive experiment in this respect —

1st day 11th Walked to the Cemetery after breakfast, and depositing some late roses culled by a mother's affection — on the Hellock I scurried to our

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Clear Mary's Memory - went to the Lyceum My
On my return called at Mother's at its close and
and went to the C^y. Room to get my Surtout &
when there finished the putting of my letters on rather
registered them in the Alphabet, which I could not
do last night - went to the S^p S^t M^j. in the
afternoon, and in the eve called at Mother
Mary Taber's & Eliza Drinkers to see Anna Polch
how on a visit but having returned with Sister
Susan - had pleasant news from our absentees

2^d. day 12th. Occupied by my business cares and
C^y. House duties through the day and ev^g. used the
L. H. lamp and consumed the remainder of the 1st. Charge
the contents of the Oil pot probably near a quart--
a bright Sun's rays had no inconvenient effect
from the expansion of the air & Oil in the foun-
tain - the whole time of burning 20 hours -

3^d. day 13th. Engaged about the business of
the Winslow & Wm Shearman the L. H. keeper
took my lamp and the same qt^y. of Oil that I
had used in my experiment to make a trial
of it before the whole set were introduced -
ev^g. at the C^y. House with the L. H. lamp - the
note respecting the exhaustion of the Oil last ev^g
applies to the time that it burnt with effect, a
feble flame lingered till a later hour till there was
no more Oil to be supplied by the longest vessel

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4th - Day 14th. At my daily work as usual at the
Cg. House we had a call from Delia C. T. Shockley
suspecting Jane an afflicted Irish woman who had had
her rent money stolen - her wish was to make interest
with the Officers of the Bridge whose tenant she is
to remit the half of the am^t: the other half she
has g. obt^d. by contributions from the Charitable on her
kind advocacy - I went with her to Mr. J. Rotch's Cg. Hse.
but he was out - returned and spent the evg at the
Cg. House

5th - Day 15th. Met the Col^d: who told me that the Ligne
Keeper had reported that the Lamp consumed all
of the Oil - the time of burning was probably not
more than $\frac{3}{4}$ if more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the time of my
experiment, the light therefore must have been
brilliant - Occupied in the afternoon & morn^g. con-
siderably in relation to the Change of notes w^{ch}.
has been long contemplated by giving Mary Taber my
Son Edmund's as prin^t. with my name as Surety - for
those which she now holds of mine - as a possible
advantage uncertain fearful anticipations. both to
the Payor & Payee - I adding a mortgage of my North
lots to make the latter entirely safe, had a consulta-
tion with bro^r Wm. Edm^r. being present, to get his judg-
ment for the satisfaction of my Son as to the propriety
of the proposed course - he gave his full appro-
val of it - I finished the notes & prepared the Mont^g.

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and called in the evg to speak to Mary on the
subject — She acquiesced in my wishes though
did not with the security — after leaving her
house made a late evg at the C^h House —

6th day 16th Devoted to my C^h. Hse. Cons
and duties as usual, late at the C^h. Hse

7th day 17th In addition to my ordinary dai-
ly cares & duties, some time was given to
repairing a delinquency in meeting a pay-
ment due yesterday by the pressure of en-
gagements which crowded out of seasonable
attention. Very late at the C^h. Hse

1st day 18 — Went to M^g. at the Lyceum
in the morning and heard very acceptable
communications from our couriers Wil-
liam & Deborah Wharton (who ar. two
days since to the Uncle Wm. Once more
I had never heard either of them before —
I was at the Sp^g St. M^g. in the afternoon
and at Mother's to meet our Phil^{ic}. Cous-
ins at tea where were bro. Wm. Ch^l &
Sarah. & Mrs. Chen H^y — The latter was
unable to be out through the day by reason
of a head ache, which abated towards evg
so that she ventured to go out, Mother's Car-
riage having called for her

2^o day 19th. A very rainy & stormy day.
I was chiefly occupied at the C^y House
during the day & till ~~very~~ late in the
evening. The storm prevented my visiting the ^{C^y House} ~~birds~~ to the

3^d day Spent some time in making
some provision against the action of
the atmosphere on the surface of the
oil in the Canister, to cut off if I could
the annular ring between the sides of the Can
& the tin follower which floats on the sur-
face and protects the principal part
of the Surface - No expedient has yet
been found which will be entirely effective
- e.g. at the Comp. of my book with
my shut ledges - Called to ^{the}quire after D.

my shut ledgers - Called to ~~inquire~~ ^{inquire} after D.
 4th day 21st According to agreement I with the
 Cole? I made the requisite provision for
 supplying the L. H. at Palmer's Island
 with the Oil & Lighting apparatus and after
 a call at D. Read's House, he having died
 about 11 O'clock last night - and a call
 at Uncle Wm's to take leave of our cousins
 Wm & Deborah I was occupied in getting
 the Light. app. & Oil to the L. H. - I went
 there, as did Nathaniel. P. Lightin to pass up
 the lumps (made by him) - Returned at 3^{1/2} O'clock

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had I left at 12. Three of the lamps re-
quired a little altering, I was at the C.
Hse in the evg till 9 - Edm^d? went
to Bridgewater this morn^g. and is not yet
returned - The light of the L.H. is
very good as seen by our dear Ellen
myself from the Observatory -

5th day 22^d. Engaged in the morn^g & till late dinner
at the Cg. House. Stopped after dinner to write
some instructions to the L.H. keeper about the
lamp - which detained me till Mother & Sister E
arrived for a visit - I remained therefore till their
return, and then rode home with them. and to
the Cg. House and spent an hour -

6th day 23^d At the Cg. Hse. before breakfast I writ
Night exception through the day & Ev^g - Letters
from our Dr^r Sue informs of their expected return
on 1st day morn^g. giving up their desired route
through Springfield to Lee Frank, I wrote
by the St^h boat advising them to return that way
as I think it will be cause of regret if they
should not - hereafter - Ma Chen H. was at
Sybil Roberson's at tea & Mother's carriage tak-
ing her to & from - and me from the Cg. House
on her return - Edm^d? returned last ev^g - and
Mary Russell was here on that ev^g & her husband at
a late stage to attend her home

7th day 24th. At the C^y H^u &c most of the day
met W. Shearman the L.H. Keeper who made
a poor report of his success with the lamps
— had had great trouble and heard some
complaints as to the character of the light,
though to my observation it had been much
brighter than before — I found it was ne-
cessary therefore to make a personal in-
spection of the condition of things at the L.H.
— and bowed off a little after sunrise
— I found that some of the lamps leaked
and others had overflowed probably from
the expansion by the sun's rays of the air
in the empty ~~reservoir~~ ^{reservoir} — the wicks cold
and the lights indifferent — I decided in
substituting two of the Sp. Oil lamps
for those which appeared to leak — and
recommended his Chang^{ing} the whole to mor-
row and bring them off (the whole) to have
them more fully tested — I took with
me on my return the Oil emptied from the
two lamps, and tried it in my C^y H^u lamp
— in this the wicks were not in a good state
and the light was indifferent — I changed the
wicks and still the light did not main-
tain its brilliancy as I had hoped — therefore

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much better than before, ^{and till a very late hour} I made some
inquiries at Anachan's request relative to
a passage in the Hibernia to California
for Mrs. Davison & her two children. ^{I called}
1st day 25th ^{with my st. at Sally Regan's} We were round about 2^{1/2} o'clock
by the delightful announcement of our dear
Ellen thus on travels here arrived - who
were soon unceremoniously admitted &
warmly greeted - in good health - I as did
Thos. return again to bed the others com-
menced the day at this early hour - Their
safe return is cause of great pleasure &
thankfulness - Went to sing at the Lyce-
um in the morning - and at Sp. S. H. in
the afternoon - Called at Mother's
& read in the instructive memoirs of
Dr. Channing
2nd day 26th Rose early and went to the
Cf. House, and fitted a strainer to my pump
so that the impurities in the oil might
not clog the wicks. devoted the forenoon to
the current duties of the Cf. H. & evg. at
the Cf. H. - and found a decided improve-
ment from the effect of the strainer. in the light
of the lamp - Attended the funeral of Dr. Read in the afternoon
3rd day 27th Went to the Cf. H. and devoted

the day to my pressing duties - Came home to meet Mother & Sister E. as tea and pass the evg. here while Sister E & the Children went to hear Horace Mann's lecture at the Lyceum - which they reported to be very very interesting and instructive - I rode home with my dear Mother & Sister - & thence to the Cg. Hse to dispose of my books for the night - and home again Sister E accompanied me -

4th Day 28th Went to the Cg. House before breakfast and forenoon & afternoon, rather late from looking over the Papers after meals, remained there through the evg. - Eliza Roberson's daughter Anna and her nephew Robert Davis with the fam^y attended.

5th Day 29th Went before breakfast to the Cg. House and was there as usual except the meeting hour - when I assembled with Friends at the Spring St. House - in the afternoon had another call from Wm. W. Hazard of the Bellevue House New York, he having called yesterday with plans for a new Dining Room - A. Holbrook who returned this morn^g. from a visit to Phil^a - also opportunely called at the Cg. Room which very unexpectedly gave him an opportunity to be made acquainted with the plan & means of carrying it into execution wh

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have so unexpectedly been provided by C. A. Brited of New York who has consented on W. W. Hazards application to be at the whole expense of the very deniable appendage to the otherwise complete establishment for its object — A. R. fully agreed with me as to the location of the new building, which will involve the expense of enlarging the lot at the North, and the removal of the Barn — probably to the am^t of 800 Dollars — But so important is the object to be gained to the success, and value of the establishment that I felt myself justified in authorizing the purchase &c although from my uncles illness and A. Robersons pecuniary embarrassment they cannot give their direct authority for the act — After W. W. H. and A. R. withdrew I continued my of House labors till a pretty late hour — My Uncle this day completes the ninetieth year, and from his increasing debility I do not expect that he will live beyond the end of 1849 — This is the thanksgiving day throughout this and several other States of our Union — Ma ches H. has been endeavoring to promote the interest of M^r. Davidson by obtaining

a loan of the am^t required to pay for the passage of herself & 2 children to California whether she is desirous to emigrate, she had a consultation with bro^r W^m on the subject, but he does not think it possible to obtain the am^t required, and therefore the Scheme must be abandoned

6th day 30th Rose early and had my views on paper in relation to the improvement of the Bellvue Estate, in a letter addressed to W.W.H., and went to the Depot expecting to see him & deliver it, — but not meeting him I sent it forward by Mr. R. Rowen and called on W.W.H. at his friend Abner Davis' — I devoted the day & evg. chiefly to Cg. Hse duties, which press upon me beyond my power of Seasonable execution — Spent some time however in providing for a Strainer to my L. H. Lamp and ~~to~~ to put it in operation again to morrow —

7th day 12 m^o: 1 Went to the Cg Hse before breakfast and spent the forenoon in its pressing duties — in the afternoon carried out my plan of a Strainer for the L H Lamp, and tried it in the evg but the size of the burner case is too small for the cloth used (canton flannel) so that a thinner material, and per —

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happ in the ^{the} contact with the wicks will be found
to answer the end proposed — I remained at the
Cg House till 1 O'clk — The clock admitted the
oil to pass but very slowly while the Circulation
was so much interrupted thus but little warmth
was com^d. to the Reservoir & fountain — The flame
was good and endured well

1st day 2^d Took my weekly Shower, interrupted
last week on acc^t. of a slight Cold — Went to the
Lyceum M^g. in the forenoon and to Fifth St. in
the afternoon, called at Mother's & Mary Gifford's
between M^gs. and with Mrs. Chas Hoss Dr. Deak's
bereaved family in the ev^g — The horrible
tragedy which implicates Dr. Webster Professor
of Chemistry in Harvard College has been a gen-
eral topic to day — Uncle W^m is reported
more comfortable than for weeks past

2^d day 3^d Occupied at the Cg House forenoon &c —
after late dinner made a new strainer for the L.H. lamp
having it within the annular space formed by the two
tin tubes, this removes all obstruction from the tubes
which circulate the Oil from the reservoir — and on
trial in the ev^g. it seemed to answer well, I was
at work by it till near midnight — Uncle W^m has been
better these two days —

3^d day 4th Occupied as usual with the onerous and
anxious cares of my embarrassed position — The

lamp burned very well with the newly adapted
Strainer - which as usual I proved till a late
hour

4th - Day 5th Engaged as usual with my business
cases till about midnight - Had some conver-
sation with Capt. Smith about Mr. Davison's
passage to **California**, but in our helpless
and evil boding pecuniary affairs this little
evidence of interest for welfare is all that I can
give - Mr. Lindsey is giving her Zeal to obtain
from the affluent or obtain the necessary means
for her wishes. Ch. Foster ^{pleased of this relation before embarking} called to day having come to taste

5th - Day 6th Went the C^y. H^ore, and to the Duty M^s
of Friends at 5th St. in the forenoon - Staid only
the first M^s - then repaired to the C^y H^ore and
was employed till 4 - then to a late dinner &
a protracted ev. at the C^y H^ore - leaving a letter
after 12

6th - Day 7th Engaged about my C^y. H^ore duties
&c. - with a heavy heart from the pecuniary embar-
rassments which surround me - I was at the Store
late in the ev. and continued my trial of the Lth
lamps, to prepare them for another trial at the
Island -

7th - Day 8th Occupied by the business of the Winslow
and my other concerns. found that the Scow w^{ch}
arr. 2 days since from False River cannot be taken

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in that ship she having been so stowed with Cargo below that the Space or deck is required for water that is quite a disappointment, as she will be much wanted on ar^t at San Francisco, in land of the Cargo, and being a crane Scow would doubtless sell well. Where probably no such craft has yet been seen — Ma chertt unwell to day, with head ache — She went however with the others of the family, to bro^r Aug^m in the ev^g to hear his son W^m letter — who is now on his Voyage to California on her return with Mother & Sister Eliza, the latter came for me to the Cy House and I rode home though earlier than she had come, but that my head been sufficiently tasked, which admonished me to quit.

1st Day 9th Went to Aug^m at the Lyceum in the forenoon and at the Sp^{rs} St. House in the afternoon, called at Mother's at the Close of the 1st Aug to greet her on her 92^d birth day she is very well & bright, — In the afternoon I repeated the visit with Ma chertt Sister P. & the Children — She appears as well as on several of the preceding anniversaries and it appears not unlikely that she may yet see several more — The members of the dis^t families were generally there to give her their affectionate greetings in the course of the day. My grand^d has been in

the bible & D. Channings Memoirs - together with
a glance at the news of the last half week in
the Boston Adv^{ce} - I heard Mr. Chennth read a letter rec^d
to day from Ch^s. Randoll at the Mines in Cal^a - wh^{ch}
gives a vivid picture of the hardships and success of
the gold diggers -

2^d day 10th Occupied with the business of the C^t Hux
the outfit of the Winslow - paid also some attention
to trials of the L. H. lamps - Sister E. called for me
in the ev^g & took me home as it was snowing I
awaited willingly of the offer - Mother & herself had
been to C. W. Moryans, - the former in stepping
from the Carriage missed the step & strained herself
so as to give us some uneasiness

3^d day 11th Engaged as usual in forwarding the bu-
siness of the Winslow & other pressing cases called
to see Mother & found her very lame - She took
her seat in the Parlor but she had better have re-
mained in bed -

4th day 12 Occupied chiefly with the business
of the Winslow through the day & with that of
the St^{ry} Mill in the ev^g till past 10 CLK -
Mother confined to her bed to day but pretty
comfortable she had much pain last night &
had D. Koles to see her - Mr. Chennth
spent the ev^g with & reports her better.

5th day 13th. Arduously Occupied at the C^y. House &c to prepare for the sailing of the Winslow, had Thomas with me to make out the Invoice - I was there till very late -

6th day 14th. Engaged as yesterday Tho^s. assisting at the Invoice - I had also some important work to do for the Factory Company which kept me till 3 o'clk or nearly, & without being quite ready for Capt^l Stale the ship was cleared to day

7th day 15th. Rose at 8 o'clk, and wrote a letter of Instructions for Capt Stale - he left in the P. Boat about 10 o'clk - The ship under way early in the day - The wind light N. E. in the afternoon & partly - she got out of the Bay - and will have a moderate night.

1st day 16th. Went to the Lyceum in the forenoon & to Sp^{rs} St. M^j. in the afternoon, called at Mother's who I had the pleasure of seeing in the parlor again (where she was moved without much help of her own - but quite relieved from Pain - called at A. Roberts at the close of the 2^d day. w^g. at home read in D^r Channing's Memoirs

2^d day 17th. Occupied at the C^y. House &c through the day and w^g till a late hour.

3^d day 18th. Occupied at the C^y. House through the day except giving directions for an alteration to

of my L. H. lamp to obviate the inconvenience of
 the circulation for heating the fountain, in fouling
 the wicks with the impurities of the Oil, thus check-
 ing the Capillary action, this I expect to do by in-
 troducing two Strainers which shall filter the
 Oil before it reaches the wicks - completed the
 arrangement this evg, buty Company at home
 kept me from the Cg House viz W. Motel & wife
 & Sisters, S. M. Rodman & his two Sisters & S. R. Morgan
 - the two Sisters of W. J. R. being on a visit from Milton
 - Edw. Motley is in Boston whither S. W. & his family
 expect to go tomorrow - which prevented Emma's
 being here - We commiserate sincerely the
 unfortunate marriage of Eliz^h

4th Day 19th To make amends for the absence from
 the Cg Hse last evg - I went there about 5 O'Clock
 this morn^g - Set the L. H. lamp to burning. w^{ch}
 was entirely satisfactory, though the Oil having
 been bot at the Store under me & of the first quality
 will not enable me to judge confidently of its suc-
 cess with an inferior oil, which is essential to
 its adoption at the light Houses - I spent the
 day chiefly at the Cg. Hse &c, & was there till 11
 in the evg - the lamp burned again 5 hours with
 entire success - the oil the same as in the morn^g
 - Called to see mother & found her quite comfortable
 in the parlor -

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5th Day 20th Engaged assiduously at the C^y House had the Oil barrel taken to the Oil works. & the head taken out to have a wire put to the inner head so that it might not be displaced, as it had been by turning the Cask on its side & becoming useless had the drops of the Oil poured out, a very inferior & apparently worthless oil. about 2 gals - This was what I liked to have to test my Strainer - arrangements in the lamps - The mass looked so forbidding that I was discouraged from putting it into the L. H. Lamp - and filled the Orig^l Standard lamp - The Strainer in this had been some weeks in use - to my surprise, the oil burned in the most perfect manner - I was then till late

6th Day Busy as usual at the C^y House - Filled the L. H. Lamp with the inferior oil, the drops of the House barrel - I was late in adjusting a Strainer in the reservoir between the two tubes leading to the burner, started it at $\frac{1}{2}$ past seven. It burned with entire success till it was put out at half past 2 - with unimpaired splendor - had a call from Mr. Welles of the House of A. & G. Palton & Co Phil^a which kept me on hour or two from my work and made it necessary to stay so late - Called to see Mother who is improving Our Sun had their 7^y friends at Supper & retired before them

7th Day - 22. Assiduously engaged at the Cy House
burned the L.H. lamp again with entire Success
till 12 O'clk. 7 hours - no flagging & no trim.
after the first had a call this forenoon from Capt. Dimm
1st Day 23rd - Took my weekly Shower - and
Went to m. g. at the Lyceum - Thomas A. Greene
Spoke at some length - Called at Mother's at
its Close & found her comfortable - At the
Sp. J. H. House in the afternoon and, with
my Chere H & Sister & Daughters at the Episco-
pal Ch. in the evg - I looked over the Bos-
ton Beacon of yesterday and read in the Bible
& the Memoirs of D. Channing.

2nd day 24th Engaged at the Cy House & all
day and till 12 in the evg - The L.H. lamp with
the same charge burnt with unflagging Splen-
dor till its Close & wth apparently have con-
tinued so till m. g. - The Oil flowed over the
top at start g. - proc^d from the expansion
of the air in the nearly empty fountain -

3rd day 25th My pressing engagements prevented my
attending the Religious Services at the Episcopal
Church, as I desired to do on this anniversary of
the birth of Our Saviour - The females of the family
and Ed. & Frank thy having arrived this forenoon
from Springfield & Boston - The latter who is quite

a stranger at home looks very well and is in good spirits. I was at Mother's who is getting on slowly being moved on her Chair into the parlor daily where she enjoys the calls of her friends. I was very late at the Cg House, having allowed the lamp to burn again without removing the crust, it continued to burn well till the oil was exhausted which was about 12 O'Clock having burned 14 hours without the removal of the crust which demonstrates the adaptation of whale oil to the L. H. lamps in my lamps - S. H. and J. W. Hursey were with us at dinner & with the others of the family at tea -

4th Day 26th Occupied at the Cg House with slight exception through the day & till past midnight - I examined the L. H. lamp which had burned the very dirty oil 14 hours without trimming - I found the Reservoir Strainer covered with a thick coat of dirt - probably to the am^t of a tea spoon full when I scraped it - the burner strainer had about as much more on it - The wicks appeared in pretty good order - the oil had sunk below their extremities - The lamp was refilled with the same kind of oil - the arrangements the same as before - a small piece of cotton cloth depending from a wire over the orifice of the upper tube - the object of which was to check

the downward flow & force the Oil to pass through horizontal Strainer & become measurably purified, and thence through the lower tube of the reservoir to the burner Case - while the 1st pendulous cloth acts as a valve sh. allow the heated Oil to pass up from the burner Case to warm the Oil in the fountain &c

The burning was unsatisfactory for the first hour when I examined the lamp & found that the cloth had become to a considerable degree impervious to the Oil, & that Valve had prevented the supply of the Wick through the upper tube - I therefore removed this - when the Oil flowed down freely filling the space below the reservoir & ran through the lower tube - The wicks being now saturated, burned well

5th. day 27th Engaged at the C^y H^{ere} through the forenoon till 2 O'Clock - after dinner read the sensible Report of the Secy of the Treasury - and was afterward occupied till 9 O'Clock in completing my arrangements for trying another of the Lth lamps, with the burner Case only changed so as to allow space for a Strainer round the burner only. It burned well till extinguished at 1 O'Clock - When the new wicks were somewhat crusted but it would have gone on well for an hour or two longer - Came home & finished my writg in my bed room - retir'd to bed at 3. -

6th Day 28th Occupied at the C^y. House anxious
by through the day - and till late in the ev^g - The
Lamp again burned well - called at Mother's, Simp^{son}
7th Day 29th Very busy as usual at the C^y Hse
after a strenuous effort for a week have just been
able to reach Cap^t. Simon's acc^t. W^h. W^h. require
probably a week of my undivided attention to
state it satisfactorily and enable the Own-
ers to form an opinion whether it was their
duty to pay him anything for so grossly be-
traying his trust, and so sacrificing their
property - Came home at 11 -
1st Day 30th rose tolerably early and after
a solitary breakfast went to the C^y House
- The necessity of the case, Simon's & his wife
being here making it a duty - not omitting
however my morning reading of the Scriptures
- as the M^{rs}. Town went to the Lyceum
M^g - called at Mother's, and Andrew's
after - dined with the family, Sally Ham-
mond being with us as usual on this day
- This meal over I again went to the C^y. Hse
and was busy on Simon's acc^t. till 3. when
I went to the Spring S^t. M^g - at its close I
called to see S^t. Read's Widow. She has sent
for me last ev^g - I had wished to call on my

own acc^t, to evince my Sympathetic Feelings
under her bereavement — I found she wanted
to inquire of Mr. Be one of her bondmen as
Executive — to w^{ch} I very willingly assented — it
being only a matter of form & therefore not im-
proper that I stand in that relation, which if
it really implied any responsibility affecting
the interests of others I must have declined —
after a short time at home I went again
to the C. House and was there till 10 —
2^d day 31 — Took an early breakfast and then
repaired again to my post of duty, and remained
there at my ans^{ts} till dinner — afternoon also
there but employed till 10 preparing a
new book for my meteorological notes, look-
ing forward two years! — Alas how little can
we scan our destiny for such a period. When
every day for the last three has been a day of
wth anxiety & sorrow — and never did the
future look darker than now — But we
must live and work & trust, the mercy
of a kind Providence which has thus far
sustained us — In him sh^d be reposed the
Faith of man under all circumstances — Reveal-
ed as it is to the attentive mind, that his
Mercy & Goodness preside over all his works

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3rd day 1 - I made a call on my Uncle Wm after Breakfast and found him sitting but very feeble not less so than when I saw him about 4 w^{ks} since - he is wearing out but rather less uncomfortable than for some weeks - He made some allusion to business, and with this encouragement I told him what I proposed to do in renewing the lease of the Belle Vue House to Wm W. Hazard, to which he made no objection - I called at Mother's and found her bright & comfortable she walks again a little - devoted again the day to my pressing daily Cases, and continued them till late in the evg. about midnight

4th day 2nd. Went Early to the C^y House, and lighted the Double Strainer L. H. Lamp which had burned 9 hours without trimming - and let it burn till it was extinguished by the exhaustion of the Oil, it was lighted at 1/2 past 6 in the M^g. and burned well all day, and I wrote by it alone till 9 P^m. making 24 hours the whole time without movg. or raising the Wick - I called at Sally Read's in the evg. to sign the Bond mentioned in my note of 1st day - called a few minutes at home and then went to the C^y House to work again on the accounts of Capt

Simon & his late voyage - a very troublesome
job. which I could not well leave without losing
much time tomorrow which I could not spare
till after 2 O'Clock - a painful necessity, these
late hours, do ^{it} on many accounts but espe-
cially my wife's I could most sincerely de-
precate -

5th day 3^d Occupied with L House duties & cases through
the day & Evg - a heavy burthen even if a bright pros-
pect was before me but, almost intolerable with
the anxieties which surround me

6th day 4th In addition to my business cases I
gave some time to the directions for completing the
improvement in the L House Lamp. Having ex-
hibited yesterday to Wm Shearman the Keeper the
state of the lamp w^{ch} had burned 24 hours without
trimming - showing the large deposit of Gummy
on the Strainers which would have destroyed the
capillary action of the wicks, if Strainers had not
intervened in a few hours - I met at the work
shop Wm Shearman the Keeper and found, notwithstand-
ing my proof of the adaptation of the Lamp to burn
K.W.Oil in the L.H. as shown yesterday that he was doing
or saying all that he could to prevent my repeating
the trial - I therefore saw the Collector and
informed him of the opposition which I had to

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encounter — W. T. Russell gave me a very satisfactory reception, and assured me that so far as he was concerned, he was determined that I should have a fair trial of the Lamps in the L. H. — was at the C^y House till rather late without being able all day to do any thing with Capt Simons' account.

4th Day 5th Early & late at the C^y House & attending to my financial troubles, looked over the Boston Paper in the afternoon and went to the Island Machine Shop to have the burner of the tin lamp which was used so satisfactorily in our family till discarded by the adaptation of one of our Liv^g lamps to the new burner — filled with my Strainer improvement for Frank to take back to Springfield when he returns — I have not been able to do any thing with Capt Simons' account to day. Got home about 12 O'Clock.

1st 6th So urgent are the duties which press upon me that I have been compelled to pass a part of this day at the C^y Hse — also the way — Called at Mother's — at my — at the Lyceum in the forenoon and at the Spring St House in the afternoon — read in the Bible & the Memoirs of D. C. Hamming between meetings — S Hammond dined with me as usual.

2^d day 7th Devoted again my pressing Cares - The acct^t of Simons absorbing every leisure moment - to be spared from the more pressing duties of financing to keep up my mercantile credit - as the C^y Hse as usual till about midnight

3^d day 8 Engaged as usual at the C^y Hse & had some interviews with Simons, which are retarding to my operations, very late in the eve at the desk - gave some time to perfect my lamp arrangements in the afternoon for the fair

4th day 9 - Pressingly and anxiously engaged at the C^y House - had an interview with Capt Leas - and concluded to have a reference for the adjustment of Simons' claim, prepared the lamp and wicks for Frank to take with him to Springfield tomorrow late at the C^y Hse

5th day 10th Truly & anxiously engaged at the C^y House made some efforts without success to get references on Capt Leas' Simons' Accounts - Frank left us in the morning - for Springfield I was late at the C^y House

6th day 11 Employed as of late at the C^y Hse removed the query from the C^y House lamp and strainer - the mess was quite considerable - worked pretty late, as usual

7th day 12 At the C^y House through the forenoon

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after dinner went to the Hand Furnace and Tim-
man's Shop to have the inner tube & Wick Protector
fitted to my original Cg. Her lamp & burner - the
length of the latter when pressed to its seat within
the Strainer coming in contact with the cloth
of the latter prevented the free com^{ing} of the oil with
the wick - found on trial in the ev^{ing} that the dif-
ficulty was remedied - The wicks though old
burning with brilliancy till the oil had ascended
from their extremities - came home at 11 not
quite well enough to stay later though much
business to detain me had I been in as good work-
ing condition as usual - no progress in getting
refuses for our act with the Captain

1st day 13th Took my weekly shower, and went
to mg. in the forenoon at the Lyceum and in
the afternoon at 5th St. House, called to see
Mother & Mary Gifford between mgs, other-
wise at home through the day, and retired pretty
early -

2nd day 14th Occupied at the Cg. here & through
the day had some com^{ing} with Simons in relation
to the reference - hoped to see Capt Sears & on the
subject but they were not in town - log at the
Cg. here as usual

3rd day 15th Had some further com^{ing} with Simons

Parkhurst relative to the reference - and in the
 afternoon had a message from the latter by the former sta-
 ting his dissatisfaction at the quiescent state of the
 business & that the law seemed to be the only course -
 I told him the delay had not been on my part but from
 the difficulty in finding men to serve on the case
 but that I would see him in the morn^g - busied at the
 C^o. House & through the day & ev^g - except giving
 some attention to the L^o. House which ^{had to be} were sent
 off to day but, the keeper not having got the Collec-
 tors order yesterday the other lamps were filled
 and the change postponed till tomorrow
 4th day 16th Engaged at the C^o. House & this
 the day, saw Parkhurst & Page & Jones office and
 we went out together, and met with three persons
 who agreed to serve on the reference, one
 of them was objected to by Simons, and he sent
 a peremptory note in the afternoon proposing
 two other names both of which are objectionable
 in the opinion of the owners - I answered it and
 handed it to him in the street - we afterwards
 fell in with Parkhurst, who told him that Abn^l
 Barker had consented to act in the matter with
 the other two L^o. Kollock & Willard Nye. he being
 quite satisfactory to me & the other own^{rs} - this part of
 the business was settled - I went to the L^o. House

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in the eve to see how the lamps burned which were sent off to day by N. Brightman who made them to put them up - They did not work well there being to be a deficiency of Oil to the wicks.

5th day 17th Went to the L House at Palmer's island early in the morning - found the lamps burning poorly, and on examⁿ found that the oil was chilled, tempⁿ of the Lantern 32 - and little or no oil surrounding the burners. - I took the Cotton flann^d Strainers from the burner Case thinking the thickness of the material might be the cause of failure, and had others made of a thinner material and went again to the Isl^d towards evg. and adjusting there, still the burning was unsatisfactory - gave the out of the day to my ordinary business and also the latter part of the eve.

6th day 18th Went off to the Isl^d in the eve, taking a Syringe for emptying the cups which with the imperfect management hitherto at the L House become filled more or less - and for discharging the reservoir when withdrawing the burner from its seat. On examⁿ to prevent an overflow on replacing it - The Keeper had left before I got there and he informed me on his return that he found the deep lamp to work much as the night before - the oil remaining chiefly in the fountain & he

tho^t. the hor^c Strainer stopped the ingress of air
 to supply the Vacuum formed by the descent of
 the Oil — On a moments reflection the short-
 ness of the wires protruding from the orifice
 on tripping the Valve, and the buoyancy of
 the Strainers which I had observed for want
 of weight in the tin Vins would very natu-
 rally produce this result, not only in this
 camp but in all the others — Devoted the
 day after my return to my ordinary duties & till
 near Sunset when I went again to the
 Island guarded from the rain by an Oil Cloth
 Leat — the wind Spring up from the N.E. after
 I left for the embarking shore, and it was with
 hard work that I succeeded in reaching the
 Island — the rain was soon followed by a severe
 snow storm so that it would have been imprudent
 to return in the dark, and I concluded to re-
 main all night — we removed the Strainers
 from most of the camps and proved that
 there had before stopped or impeded the de-
 scent of the Oil from the fountain — The lights
 were generally very satisfactory and with
 no more humming than usual with the com-
 mon lamps & sp^{er} Oil gave a much stronger
 light — till they were extinguished in the nig-

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7th day 19 - Had a comfortable bed at The Kepp-
ers house, and had a hard row against the N N
wind, but a harder job in dragg^g the boat
from the low water mark to the Uppland - On
getting home found that much anxiety had been
felt on my Aunt. since my find^g. That I had
not returned - My care to put myself in a
position in the lantern to be seen from the
observatory, not hav^g. had the hoped for
result of showing my family that I was there
and could not return after the snow storm
came on - gave attention to my Cy base &
other duties till ev^g. and then made another
trip to the island to carry the balve piece of
the deep lamp w^{ch} had been attend to suit
the absence of the Strainer - I took C. Con-
nell with me to get the boat from & to her
Uppland position -

1st Day 20th Attended my at the Lyceum in
the forenoon and at Spring St. House in the
afternoon - Read in D. Channings memoirs with
great interest, called at Mothers twice with
Mrs Chere H. in the twilight - and at W^m
T. Russell's in the ev^g. to guard him against the
effect of the L. H. Keppes prejudicial statements
The time lost last week from the Cy base com-

pulled me to make an Invoice and copy it today
 2^d day 21st — Went to the C^y Room before
 breakfast — and afterwards united with several
 of the owners in completing the instrument of
 reference, two names being yet lacking
 my son Ed^d who has not yet returned from Boston
 and S. Howland of that port — I saw Clifford
 at the instance of the other owners, and engaged
 him to present our case to the referees — This
 business took up my time for the remain-
 der of the day and eve, came home abt.
 11 — stopping at mother's to enclose a letter
 for Lowell to my friends in Boston to pre-
 vent a days delay in its reaching its des-
 tination —

3^d day 22^d. Engaged at the C^y House in my usual
 business which is an overmatch for my most as-
 siduous exertions — Saw Clifford — who goes to
 attend to his business in Boston this afternoon
 to return tomorrow P.M. and be ready to attend
 at the Reference the next day accordg. to appoint-
 ment.

4th day 23^d Engaged at my C^y H^{se} duties &c before
 breakfast & late in the eve — had a call from
 Wm Shearman, who finds great trouble with
 the lamps — I went off in the afternoon

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about 4 1/2 O'Clock and examined them found
the Strainers quite dirty, on the outside and
removed some of it by Scrapping them without
detaching them from the Air tube. They started
pretty well - I returned before 7 to my C^y H^{ee}
duties -
5th day 24th Occupied with preparation for
the reference till 9 O'Clock - went to see J. H.
Clifford - and thence to the Referees room
(Paisi Office) Occupied there till they adj^d
for dinner Stone opened the Case & Clifford
responded, read letter of instructions &c. and
introduced a Witness, Leftwich to show the
Character of Simons in Sydney & since his re-
turn, which was anything but respectable
- found W^m Baker of Lowell, our son's
friend - to stay a day or two with them
I went to the Referees room at 3 O'Clock -
and spent an hour when I left for the ac-
counts of Outfit of the Wain^{co} - On my return
found they had adj^d and agreed to examine the
papers by themselves - which will give me
any time for other duties - ev^g. at the C^y H^{ee}
6th day 25th Chiefly occupied at the C^y H^{ee} -
The referees in Session by themselves - I was at
mothers, and at the C^y H^{ee} till quite late hours

My lamp with the Oil from the LK it burned very
 well - home about one - found our sons and their
 friend yet up - lately returned from their Club meetg.
 7th Day 26th had an early breakfast to accommodate
 the departure of our guest in the Cars I devoted
 myself to Cg Hse duties chiefly except going to
 the Island in the twilight to see how the
 lamps prospered - had to go with a single
 Car which made it tedious and laborious
 though the water was smooth as a mirror
 - found the lamps doing but indifferently
 - The cause of which I believe I know &
 shall endeavor to remove it - went to
 the Cg Hse on my return and worked till 11
 1st Day 27 took my weekly Shower and
 towel bath - was obliged to go to the Cg Hse
 a while before and again after the 2nd msg -
 called at Mother's in the intermission &
 at D'Read's in the twilight, but the family
 being at tea I postponed my call till after
 our tea, Mr R. wished to get my opinion
 on certain points which require immediate
 action - Called afterward at E Thurstons
 as he had called twice to enquire for me -
 I found he wished to tell me of an assault of
 an aggravated Character committed by Capt Simon

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on Leftwich who gave evidence before the
Referees of his knowledge of Simons in Sydney
, it took place in T's Store as the former was
Shutting it for the night, Capt. Mann who has
just returned from a Voyage in the Bareboy of
similar disastrous results & from probably similar
Causes to that of the Winslow accomp. him to the
Store Leftwich being alone and in the act of
extinguishing the lights when he was accosted
rudely by Simons introducing Capt. Mann &
though civilly treated in return. Simons attacked
him Seizing him by the throat & pressing him
back on the Counter - Mann uny. retreated &
Closed the door leaving them alone (probably
a preconcerted plan) in the expectation that
Simons' w. overpowered him by his greater size
& strength. The fact proved to be otherwise
and the Capt. was severely punished, and
Kept in Custody till Thurston & a Constable
could be sent for when he was delivered
up and lodged in jail - to have his trial be-
fore the Police Court tomorrow - Bro. Ch.
& Mr. Callid in the evg. the former for the 2nd time
with reference to the Am. Ing. of the Beacon
Ing Coy tomorrow -

2nd day 28th Went early to the Ct Hse and after
a late breakfast to the Ct House - But I found that

Simons was not able to appear, as J. Certificate of his Physician — he had found bail for his appearance and will be arraigned on 5th day — I devoted my time to the duties of the C^y House till midnight with necessary intermissions —

3^d day Occupied as my C^y House duties and went to the L House in the eve. taking J. G. Rly in the boat with me — Wind seemed pretty fresh on getting there — and made a short stop returned to the C^y House and worked late
4th day 30th Engaged at my pressing and anxious duties — partly in preparing for the Hotel whp meeting on 7th Dec next

5th day 31 — Went early to the C^y House (met — Or rather had a call from W. Shearman reporting unfavorably of the lamps — sent O'Connell off to bring one on shore to improve the Strainer — Went off myself with it stretched over a wire netting Cylinder to prevent its collapsing on the burner and have an enlargement of the burner case where the tubes enter it to admit of a circulation unchecked by the Strainer — Left the lamp promising well. Our children had L. Plummer & made L. Plummer.

6th day 2/1 — Early at the C^y Hse — Colled to give notices of the Hotel whp Cof. meeting — and to see J. H. Clifford about the

reference case he being confined at home by illness — worked late at the Cg. Hse —

7th day 2^o. Devoted my time to the common work of the Cg. Hse — e.g. at home acting as clk of the R. Whf. Coy. at the an^o mg. — occupied till past midnight in finishing up the business, as Tr^d Clerk.

1st day 3^o. At the Cg Hse. before, between & after my till dinner — e.g. at home J. T. Adams with us detained me at home near Chen H. at Sally Reads where I intended to call, as well as to go to the Cg. Hse — at the Lyceum in the forenoon & Spring St. Hse in the afternoon — called to see Mother

2^o day went early to the Cg House and was busily employed with reference to the an^o mg. of the St^h Mill Co but not being able to complete the preparation or conferring with the Pres. Geo Hurray the mg. was postponed — I continued my work till very late — I

shd remark however that, the reference case was argued in the forenoon by Clifford for the owner and Page for Simons, at which I was present and, well satisfied with Clifford's plea, the is now left for the award of the referees

3^o day 5th ~~Engaged~~ Engaged at the Cg House on the business of the St^h Mill Coy but not being

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able to get ready - the proposed meeting ^{was}
again by consent of the stockholders again
deferred and I contin. my labors early and
late - The award was completed and I was
applied to by J^r. Parkhurst to consent to its be-
ing opened but declined on the ground that my
engagements w^d not permit me to attend to it
and that I could not do so without the consent
of the other parties -

4th Day 6th Occupied abundantly as heretofore
having no assistance in the combined duties of
Secy. & Clk. I could not get through with the pre-
liminary adjustment with A. G. Sull. and
therefore could not be ready for the mg and it was
not held - Advice was rec^d of the sudden death
of my Cousin S. Hazard of New York

5th Day 7th The current and part business of
the St. Paul Coy still absorbing my time & energies
- Called at mother's and heard letters which were
sent them by Cousin S. Arnold who rec^d them stating
some particulars of the death of my Cousin Sam^l.
Hazard - it was of Apoplexy - and now we
were fine apprised that he had had two attacks be-
fore of the same kind though lighter in degree -

6th Day 8th At 10 O'clk. the time adj. to I was measur-
ably prepared for the mg and could present on the as-
sembling of the members the balance sheet of the

which shows no improve^t. of the C^y affairs for the past year — The aut^h abstracts to show the exact condition of the C^y not yet prepared — The Officers for the year were chosen and my name substituted for L Hollocks as Clk. — In the afternoon I went to Page's Office and the Award was opened viz J Luison's \$34.50 — I paid the am^t to Page under his guaranty that the order for Packhurst sh^d be cancelled, and the note to Church be paid. — I then went to the Store again and worked till very late 7th day 9th still pressing on as fast as Circumstances will permit with my labours of the duties wh^{ch} are quite in arrears — was unable from late vigils to work late and came home about 10 —

1st day 10th rose pretty early & took a Shower & breakfasted in advance of the family and went to the C^y Room and staid till time of day, went to the Lecture and called at Brothers at the Close. Tho^s A. Greene made a com^{on}. on the text, "he man cometh to the Father but by me" — On returning home found A. Roberson Sen^r & Jun^r here — after dinner went again to the C^y H^{se} and remained till the hour of day, and then to the Sp^g St. assemblage — Rachel Howland spoke in prayer — at the Close of the Day I went again to the C^y H^{se} and staid 10 O'clk.

2^d day 11 — Went before breakfast to the C^y House to prepare for the Cal^d. Mail, which occupied me &

very fully tasked me till the hour of closing - 145
Remained at home after my late dinner to read a pamphlet on the R. I. State debts which J. W. Richmond had sent some time since but w^{ch} I had not before seen - then to the G. H. till 1 - and wrote a letter at home after my return, Called at Mother's, on a message from Mrs. Chen H., but I had not time to stop -

3. day 12 have all the time which the most pressing current affairs of the Govt & Cg. House would permit to making out the annual Acc^t of the St. M^{ile} Coy. to show its actual condition - Called to see Mother

4th day 13th Engaged as heretofore in my duties of Clerk Ship. from the necessity of our Coy. to pay one who shall be specially devoted to these important duties of detail w^{ch} are scarcely consistent with that general attention which belongs to the Office of As^t. and Treasurer of such a Concern, my own financial necessities arising from my great advances to sustain the Cr. of the Compt. giving me much & oft recurring anxiety - not less than usual

5th day 14th Spent the day and ev^g in my usual pressing avocations - have about completed the acc^t - State of the accounts of the

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St. Mill Co^y - which shows a somewhat
un disastrous business than this time twelve
Month - If the advances in goods which we
have reason to hope for sh^d. be realized our
large stock will somewhat relieve our
embarrassments - Called at Mother's in the ev^g.
6th 15th Engaged in my C^y. H^l duties &c.
^{very} 16th & 17th, Come home in the ev^g to supper &
return - Muchen H. who visited Lybil Rod
Exon in the afternoon called with Sister Eliza
on Mother's Carriage on her return, and as
I was unable to prosecute my business with
effect I came home with them - and sought
reposement in retiring earlier than usual to sleep
1st Day 17th - Went through my weekly abstinence
exercises - and after breakfast in advance of the
family - I was obliged to go again to the C^y. H^l
though much in opposition to my inclination - Went
to the Lyceum B^y. in the forenoon, called at Mother's
and after dinner at Mary Gifford's - found my
Cousin Eliza Burney here on my return, who came
to get a message through Ma chere H^l. to Mr. Hor-
ton informing him of the arrangement of Mr. Smith
one of his Parishioners - I went with Cousin E^l
to her B^y. in 5th Street, and as it came went to the
C^y. House to recall in the quiet transactions, of

which in the recent pressure of my business I was obliged to omit the proper record — was detained there till after 9 — when I came home and finished the entry in reading in the 3^d Vol. of Dr. Channing's Memoirs which I borrowed of Mr. Gifford

2^d day 18th. Occupied assiduously with my business throughout the day & evening. rec^d. a note from my Uncle W^m in relation to the Wht. Co. Dividend, and paid him and the other stockholders about as far as the Collections would permit — he is very feeble, but still keeps knowledge of his money transactions. I was at mother's two or three times in the day — called up in the evening and took the plan of Bellevue lot to A. Roberson, he wishing to have it to get a more precise idea of its dimensions with reference to his assignees — Saw Mary Roberson his D^r in Law who is making him a visit — I learn that my sister Lydia is here having come with C. W. Morgan, to see mother, he having been there with reference to the lease of his wharf. I found his daughter Clara at our house & she spent the night with her cousin —

3^d day 19th. To the C^y House & after breakfast and fully employed in recalling & noting transactions which I was obliged to omit ^{noting} when engaged on the St^h Mill account, called at mother's

but did not find sister Lydia, she having gone to make a call at Andrews - I was detained till very late by the transaction closing the business on the books, with Capt Simons - Our Man Jackson's little girl who has been some weeks sick died this afternoon -

4.th day 20.th Engaged as usual with my pressing of the duties called at mother's and saw sister Lydia - left at the C^y. House as usual till obliged to retire to have my powers restored by sleep

5.th day 21.st Went to the C^y. House before breakfast and continued my clerkship duties as I was able from interruptions through the day - In the afternoon went to the funeral services of Jackson's child, which were respectable & interesting the col.^d Methodist minister officiated in the funeral discourse & there prayers by two colored men, one of them of a very dark complexion the other apparently an indian indicating much sincerity, and religious feeling - the latter with very acceptable delivery and expression - I was the only one of our family The size of the house discouraging others - I went to my work as its close firm preparing my C^y Room Lamp by removing the gummy deposits from the Strainer & the Lamp - Having laid for a few days a coarser wicking from the common impression that this does better than the Sp. Candle wick formerly but my observation has confirmed the opinion

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I made this examination of the lamp - to test it under
more favorable circumstances, the streamer over the wire cylin-
der has been in about 2 weeks. The ^{oil} in use has not been clean
and I found a thick coat of which impeded the filtration too much.
- The light was very brilliant till the oil had sunk consid-
erably - when the wicks deadened which I think it? not
have been the case with the finer wicking, worked as late as I
could effectively.

(1st day 22^d - Resumed my Cy Hse labors as early as I c^d. see
to write - and was confined to the Cy Hse through the day
with slight exception and in the eve till past midnight
- Saw sister L & mother & parted with her in the
Car for her return -

7th day 23^d. Devoted the day to Cy House duties except
an hour after dinner spent in looking over the Boston
Papers. Returned rather early, before 10-, being un-
able to work later effectively, and retired to bed.
Called to see mother who is quite comfortable
she can walk again without much inconvenience
1st day 24th. After the weekly abstinence exercise
and breakfast I went to the Cy room and remained
till the hour of meeting, then went to the Lyceum
which was silent but satisfactory - Made my
usual visit to my mother at its close - and
read in Dr Channings memoirs after dinner
till near 3 when I went to the First St. Meeting
at its close I returned to the Cy room and worked

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till late in the evg - The sad state of my affairs
requiring this great sacrifice of inclination. L.
H. Hoag was at the Spring St. M^g. all day. The
afternoon m^g. put off an hour to accommodate
other Societies who were invited to attend -
2nd day 25th. Devoted myself to my pressing ^{and}
anxious business through the day & evg till 9. Oclk when
^{I failed to see Small Read}
3rd day 26 Occupied as heretofore. to the C^y H^{se}
before breakfast. Calling as C. W. Morgan who went
to Fall River to day on business relating to the im-
provement of our wharf property there. I had have
gone with him if I could have spent the time. Wrote
up the books of the Retail wh^{arf} Co & the Estate after-
dinner. Called at Mother's as clerk on my way to
the C^y. House, and remained there till 11 -
4th day 27 Went very early to the C^y H^{se} and re-
mained there &c till 9 - then to breakfast and
afterward wrote at home a letter to ask an exten-
sion of some of my largest Creditors whose notes
fall due next month - Rem^d. of the day and
evg till 10 at the C^y. House, calling as Mother's on
my way down after a late dinner
5th day 28 Attended to my pressing C^y. House concerns
the magnitude of my pecuniary promises giving
me the most intense anxiety - the investigations
consequent on these detained me at the Store till
past One Oclk - The night stormy - but only

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6th day 3. Em^l After breakfast called at Geo Hurrey
and my bro^r Williams in relation to the seemingly
desperate condition of my affairs — They tell me to
persevere and struggle on, and not despair — It
will be cause of deep and unceasing gratitude to a
kind Providence if their hopes should be fulfilled and
I should be enabled to emerge from the gloom which
now surrounds me — Called at my dear Mother
in the afternoon — who seems cheerful and
happy in her old age, except so far as she is troubled
by the known embarrassments of some of her sons
returned from the C^y Her before 10 — Ma Chen
H. has been unwell and at in her room most
of the day —

7th day? Occupied with my onerous duties - through the day and evg. returned from the Of House however earlier than usual and retired. had some conversation with Repas^t ^{Shearman one of the Overseers of the}

1st Aug 3.^o Made my weekly visit to the bath room and was at home till meeting time - went to the Lyceum. The weather a little unpleasant in the morning - and T. A. Lyne & wife & my bro^r & myself made up the small collection - The M^g. was silent but not unsatisfactory to me. Called at the C^o. H^o. at the close of the P^m. m^t.

2^d day 4th ^{at Spring St Hse & at Ch^r: rate in the eveg} Attended to my business as usual through

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the day, partly at home with the books of the Estate
called at mother's on my way down to the Cj. House to
propose putting part of her land out with the whole of
mine on shares - On the arrival of the Cars had a
call at the Cj. Hse from W. W. Hazard to renew the
Lease of the Bellevue House, we had a long confer-
ence on the removal of the barn which I have
long known was quite indispensable in consideration
of the new dining room which he is erecting north
of the north wing - the more remote lot which
was before proposed for the new Scit. he now re-
ports may be had for \$500 - which is \$200 less than
it was before offered at - and I have no hesitation
in decidg. that sh^d be at once secured - the qty. of land
is half an acre - detained in the evg. in writing out
the plan to put the subject before my Uncle W. W. in
if he sh^d be well enough to consider it in the morn^g - called
to show it & consult ~~Mr~~ Roberson in relation to it on
my way home, and then sat up till 3 o'clk to write
to C. C. Stewart, from whom we have unpleasant news
from the Athol. on her way to London whether C. C. S.
will repair by the next steamer, and my letter was
to meet him onboard that Vessel at Halifax. took
some measures this forenoon to provide C. W. Morgan
with a pt. of lamps on my plan went to the Acoustical
Machine Shop on the business - Edm^d. went to Boston this morn^g.
3^d day 5th - Saw W. W. Hazard just before he left

in the Cass and suggested the condition on which I felt
 authorized to instruct him to make the purchase of the
 land and remove the barn & Cas^e house &c from the
 present Bellevue Lot - At the C^g Hse through the day
 & till past midnight with the exception of making
 a visit to the island about the lamps - rec^d. a
 note from my Uncle assenting to the proposition in
 regard to the Bellevue Estate &c.

4th Day 6th Spent the day at my various duties and
 at 7^{1/2} O'Clock by request of Sarah Read went to meet
 Mr. Page at her house in relation to the settle^{mt} of the
 J^r Estate - Came home about 1/2 past 9, and
 then to the C^g Hse, till after 11 O'Clock, evg rising
 storm from the S.E. - Ma Chen & Remond with Had asked
 5th day 7th Spent the day at the C^g Hse and evg
 till about 10, Called at Mother's - the rack work
 to the Barometer broke this morn^g so that I had
 to take it down to be repaired, borrowed a naut^l
 Bar^o to note the changes while under repairs
 the results to be reduced to the other when it is
 finished - Ma

6th Day 8th Attended to my anxious pecuniary
 laws, and pressing C^g House duties - went to
 the Island about the lamp business and found they
 could not conveniently make them till next week.
 Came home pretty late in the evg. Our children had
 some of their young friends to visit them who were some 6 or 7 years old.

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7th day 9th Spent the day at my usual round
duties - the pecuniary anxieties which have
specially pressed upon me this month not yet
relieved and the issue cannot be foreseen got
home between 11 & 12

1st day 10th Took my weekly shower &c and
attended mg. at the Lyceum in the forenoon & at
Sp. J. H. House in the afternoon - Called to see
Mary Taber who has been quite ill. at the close
of the first - On returning home there was an alarm
of fire, at Sampson's Barn - It was got under
after the roof was nearly burned off - I called
on Mothers after the 2nd mg. and after tea with
my Chen &c to see Mary Gifford whose father
died suddenly on 4th day at the close of an
appointed mg. at West port, by some trans. friends
by paralysis or apoplexy - and afterwards
with her at Sarah Read's - — Read Horace
Mann's Speech in Congress & in Dr. Channing's Memoirs

2nd day 11th Spent the day at my Off House duties, detained in
writing for the San Francisco Mail till 4. and remained till
lamp lighting, then called on Mothers and came home
I took my 2nd with the Jan. 9th third meal. Had afterwards
Pisselli's Speech in Congress against the ^{Southern} disunionists. He
meets them somewhat on their own ground, and gave
offense that threatened a duel, for which he seemed
quite ready - but the affair has been settled. He told

the South wholesome truths - for their temperament & will have some influence in checking their Gasconade not a bad precursor to the elevated & eloquent speech of our noble Mann - at 9 went again to the Cg Hse and staid till 11 - Our dear Sue & her brother Thomas on a visit to J. Arnold's family. this evg.

3rd day 12th. I brot. some work from the Cg Hse last evg. and was engaged on it this mornig - when a little mechanical job occupied me some time (repairing the potatoe desk) after which I went to the Cg House and was occupied, saving the dinner hour till about 11 - Called at Mother's in the forenoon & on my last return -

4th day 13th. Called at J. Arnold's after breakfast in relation to the Syracuse Sall works & he and Wm R. Rotch called after dinner here on the same business, I attended the Funeral Services on the death of Wm Ottiville, The Cabinet Maker whom we have always employed and for whom we entertained great respect, he has left a large family in low Circumstances. Rem^d of the day & till 9 in the evg. given to Cg Hse duties &c called twice at Mother's once in relation to the large debt which I owe the daughters of the late Hiram Howland

5th day 14th. Went to the Cg Hse before breakfast & to the Island about my lamp called at Wood Brightness & his give directions in regard to filling the 2^d of our

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Lie^l Standards — ^{7 Oct 84} remainder devoted to Cg Hrs duties. Called at Mother's — and returned from the Cg. House at 10 O'Clock — Edmund arrived to night — he brings favorable accounts from Springfield
6th Day 15th Engaged in my usual business at the Cg Hse. &c. through the day. Called at Wood Braghtman &c. about the lamp which was fitted according to my suggestion and makes a very neat appearance. I fitted it for use in the early eveg — and left it to be tested in the nursery — when I went to my work at the Cg. Hse and finished the eveg — Called at Mother's who has acceded to my proposition to let Hiram Shearman have her land to work with mine on shares — fitting my Cg. Hse lamp with a new wick of coarse cotton, the other lasted 3 weeks in the new arrang^t. of the Strainer and appears not to have been impaired by the time, in its Capillary action

7th Day 16th Occupied at the Cg Room &c this the day. having some work that I could do at home I tried the newly fitted lamp — which promises very well, and makes a very neat appearance

1st Day 17th Went through my weekly ablutionary exercises in the morng. and gave some time before and after hrs to my calⁿ. for the fasting month is tedious. Called at Mother's after the morng.

at the Lyceum — afternoon at Sp^d. St. House
— read in the evg. in Hares Sermons & Dr. Chan-
nys Memoirs — had a consultation with ^{on fac. p. old. stat.} Geo. Henry
2^d day Employed at home except going to the
Bank and C^y Hse. for a short time on my Calⁿ
for the monthly State^t. of our Man^y. business —
and did not finish the State till the evg was
about spent — It has been an unusually
troublesome matter from the Charges of style
in our goods for w^{ch} the necessary system-
atic arrangements have not yet been made.
3^d day 19th Went to the C^y House early in the morning
and devoted my time to the duties of the day, with a
stretch of attention came home and continued my
work till past midnight, having used my newly
fitted with uniform bore for the wicks with entire
Success, the contraction which I supposed
would be necessary to keep the wicks from
sitting below the reach of the forceps, being not
in the least required and the effect is therefore
injurious by checking the free ascent of the
oil through the wicks to the flame, which
I now suppose was the cause of the poor
success at the light House — I shall have
this defect remedied and repeat the experiment
as soon as the pressure of my business
will permit — The new fitting up gives the

Lamp a very complete appearance, and even so
as to compete in beauty with any which I
have seen, and for efficiency and with the
Strainer now a fixed appendage of the Lamp
makes it my opinion quite unrivalled for
burning the inferior Oils.

4th day 20th Rose rather late and went to
my C^y H^o duties after breakfast, which with
some Calculations relative to the change of style
in our Cotton goods, have taxed my energies
very fully - I went to the Island after Din-
ner to get the lamps & new burners which have
been adapted to them there, for C. W. Morgan
- and took them to N. Nightman to finish
with frame for Chimney & shade, Strainer frame
of woven wire &c - Came home to tea and
closed my work for repose soon after 9 - Our
three elder Children spending the ev. as George
Hussey -

5th day 21st Spent the day in discharging my C^y
House & other duties, at home morn^g & most of
the forenoon in reviewing the Calⁿ of H^o Suel as
the relative cost of making on new 64x72 and the
former 64x64 style of Cotton Shuteing - afternoon
Lev^g at the C^y House

6 Busy as usual striving to keep abreast of my
business - found sister Sarah here on return &

about 9 O'Clock, from Mary Talcott where I called on
business on my way home - The Cal^m noted for getting my ^{a day or two late} ~~was~~ ^{made}

7th Day 23. Occupied at home during the day with the
Calcul^m (noted on the 21st) which kept me all the forenoon
- then to the Cy & H^e till the closing of the mail
Spent an hour at Mother's after dinner and then fin-
ished the day at the Cy & H^e - returning about 10 -
our sons had a Supper for their Club this evg. - and
Benj^m Smith came in the Cars - and is our guest
- his arrival was an hour behind the usual time
on acct. of the heavy fall of Snow obstructing the
usual Speed -

1st Day 24th Rose early and took my habitual weekly
ablutions - afterward went to the Cy & H^e to bring up
my Postings which I have been striving for a week
to find time for in vain - returned and found B.S.
only below stairs, went to the Lyceum H^g in the
forenoon, and called at Mother's to give her a greet-
ing on my 38th birth day - met T. M. Weld and wife
& little girl with W. Roberson Bro: Wm's sister Susan
- on getting home found the Rev. Mr. Snow here from
Taunton he having preached at the Episcopal ch^h
& come home with my family - our sons and
B. Smith as Geo Hays to dine - I went with
Ma cher H. to hear Mr. Snow in the afternoon -
and at the close of the service, walked with our
dear Sue on County & North to 2nd St. where I left

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her to prosecute further till ten times the work of the
known 9 - e.g. at home - read in 5th Chan. 9! Me-
moirs after. B.S. and our sons retired from the parlor
to the room of Thos. - we chatted & read a Chap-
ter in the bible to us who remained - Thus was
ended the day which begins my 59th year - impelled
by untoward Circumstances to appropriate a part of
it very differently from my choice - In this world
I find that my own wishes and desires have little
influence over my actions - a stern motive in
great degree extraneous, duty under the guidance
of ^{events} which I have striven in vain to control, prescrib-
ing my line of ~~action~~ conduct, an irksome
and onerous burthen which tasks my energies
to the uttermost deprives my own will, so far
as moderation & taste are concerned, of nearly all
control - but under the influence which my
best judgment can derive from the arbitrary or
existing condition of surrounding motives I wish
to give it its fullest power - keeping an eye
to the behests, as far as I can discern them of an all
wise over-ruling Providence, whose blessing &
support I hourly crave - May it please Him
in his infinite goodness to look with compassion
on his depressed & toiling servant, and by lightening the
burthen of care which now oppresses has long oppressed him
give him more time for the developement of the higher

graces for which our nature is adapted, through a more
 deep & habitual Communion with his Divine Spirit.
 For the year to come if it sh^d be granted him to see its close
 2^d day 25th At home before breakfast, and at the
 Cg. Room the rest of the day & evg - except a little
 longer at the 1st & 2^d meal in consequence of the
 presence of our guest W. S. Smith who left for Boston
 in the Cars this afternoon - Ma chere H. was at
 Mother's to tea and I rode home with her in the
 wgn in Mother's Carriage - Paid some attention
 to fitting C. M. Morgan's lamps on my new Principles

3^d day 26th Went to the Cg. Room and to the R. R. de
 pot to meet F. M. Weld & introduced him to A. G. Smeal
 who went to Boston to replenish our Cotton. devoted
 my time to Cg. Hse. duties the rem^r of the day & evg -
 coming home early say before 10 - in order to ride
 early to write for the British mail in the morning -
 found Mr. H. Orth here, but the necessity of rising
 very early debarred me from seeing him, Edm^d left
 us this forenoon for the Vine -

4th day 27th - Rose in season to prepare ^{as before} for the
 British mail from Boston this day the rem^r of the
 my till breakfast at the Cg. Hse - Called at Night-
 man's about the lamps but found him at work for
 the Cordage Coy. so that my small jobs are de-
 ferred - day & evg chiefly devoted to Cg. Hse business

5th day 28th. Spent the day in the prosecution of my usual onerous of Home duties — A. G. Snell returned this morn. from Boston & Taunton he reports the same unfavorable prospect for the sale of our goods, business in this line very much at a stand. but cotton high — found on my return about 10 from the C^y. House that our French cis had ar^d. that w^g. from Springfield — Wm. Hurd & his sister Abby here. I believe one or both or two

6th day 29 — My financial troubles have taxed my mind severely to day and the prospect for the future is very dark and discouraging — It is necessary to increase our machinery to make our new goods most economically — a consultation with Geo. Hensley confirms the conclusion which A. G. S. & myself had come to on this point, and measures are in train for its accomplishment — all those additional outlays or contracts are very reluctantly concluded on, but circumstances control our action — Spent the w^g. at the C^y. House till sleep to restore my energies was necessary

7th day 30th. Devoted my time day & w^g. to C^y. House & other details and was kept there till pretty late — Stopped an hour after dinner to look over the Boston Paper Prof. Webster's trial is drawing to a close, the probability is that he will be cleared though the impression will remain with the Com^y. that he was the cause of Dr. Parkman's death.

1st day 31st After my weekly Shower &c I was compelled by the urgency of my business putting its continuance in peril to, go to the C^y House where I remained till the hour of my - when I went to the Lyceum & walked home with bro^r W^m Mother having gone to make uncle W^m a visit who seems drawing to his close - S. Hammond was again with us at dinner, - read in D. C. Channing's Memoirs and before the afternoon my called to see Mary Gifford - went to Spring Street my. and at it its close to the irksome but imperative task of C^y H^{se} labor till very late in the evg -

2^d day 4/1 - went to the C^y H^{se} early in the m^g and contin^d with only the necessary intermissions till exhausted in the evg - when I came home to recruit by repose, & "Sweet Nature's kind restorer Valuing Sleep" - Contrary to the expectation noted a day or two since, Prof Webster was convicted of Murder - an astounding instance of depravity under the exterior of a Scholar & a gentleman - So unreliable is the Shield of Morality unless it have its foundation in religious principle. May it be duly heed^d by all yet free from crime

3^d day 2^d - As work as usual day & evg. as the C^y House, with painful anxiety; called at mother's after dinner - home about 1/2 past 10 -

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Hth day 3^d At my C^y House and business duties
through the day and evening

5th day 4th Early at the C^y H^{se}. and after a late
breakfast - till late dinner engaged there in writ-
ting to my friends whose credit has sustained
mine and that of the S^t. Nile C^y for the last 20
months, asking a continuance of their important
aid - had a call from E. M. Robinson in the after-
noon, one of them who has been the organ of the rest
but before he had seen my Com^{rs} which was sent
to his C^y Room. - for a contribution to the exp^s.
of the Whig Campaign of 1848 - but as had not
committed myself by any promise expressed or fairly
implied I felt myself bound to decline in the
present state of my affairs, though under a dif-
ferent state of them I w^d willingly have paid it
through fully approp^g the object for w^{ch} he had
largely contributed. on his own acct & for others
- bro^r: Benj^m & Susan & their d^r: Eliz^h Weld were
with us at tea & I as a rare occurrence all
the ev^g at home. I was disappointed of the use
of my lamp having had one at the Work Shop to have
that it fitted with the latest improv^t. and the mis-
fortune to break the rim of the burner of the other
by an ac^t fall - went to the M^{rs} foundry, to have
a new iron rim struck on & turned off, early this
m^g - This is quarterly my day and I was

desirous of attending the M^g. but was detained by my
impressive or anxious duties

6th day 5th To the C^y House before breakfast. and
till late dinner - after which I was detained
in altering the shelves in one of the compartments of our
bookcase to accommodate the Great folio Edition
of Johnson's Dict^y which with the Silver Can and
Vapor lube attached on fr^y? Mary Gifford has kindly
presented me from the effects of my late Aunt Mary
- This took up a good deal of time and I took tea
with the fam^y. & wrote a note of thanks to M. G.
so that I only went to the C^y Room again to dis-
pose of my books &c for the night - Our dear Thomas
left us this afternoon to go to & Ploomsburgh Penn^a.
to act a few weeks as an accountant via Falls River
- The Wind being fresh from N.E. with a few snow
flakes flying at 10 P.M. makes me fear the passage
on the Sound maybe disagreeable if not dangerous
7th day 6th The night has been very stormy and the
ground covered with about 6 inches of snow - Occu-
pied through the day at the C^y House and till pretty
late in the ev^g - called at Mother's. Fr^y. at Geo. Henshaw's
1st day 7th Rose pretty early and went through my
general abstractions - Read numerous letters rec^d. last ev^g of
a discouraging character. particularly disappointed in
a financial arrangement which I had made for a large
day - early this week - Went to the C^y House after

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breakfast, and attended the Lyceum M^y. as usual
 called at Mother's at its close, and saw F. M. Weld
 and several of the family — Read in Dr Channing's Me-
 moirs before M^y — and went accompanied by my
 son Geo. to that in Spring Street — after coming home
 with him I went again to the C^y. House to see how I
 could provide for my financial disappointment
 and at dusk walked out to my bro^r. Benjⁿ to see
 F. M. Weld — and through his kindness I think I shall
 surmount the ^{present} difficulty — Saw only his little chil-
 dren beside himself — the others having gone into
 M^y — left about 9 — just before their return
 and had a pleasant walk home. Brilliant stars
 which our dear Mary used to love, and stream-
 ing northern light — read a little in Channing's
 Memoirs and retired

2^d day 8th Went to the depot to meet F. M. Weld. riding
 thither with C. W. Morgan who went to Fall River to
 see further about the Marine Rail Way — I devoted
 myself to the pressing duties of my embarrassed po-
 sition — at the C^y. House till about 10 — called
 on Mary Tabors to leave a check for the balance
 of my indebtedness to that family — whatever there-
 fore may happen to me — the Widow & Orphans
 of this family will not be curtailed of their substance
 — I have endeavored to befriend them and it is a satis-
 faction that they are out of the reach of my further

pecuniary troubles if there is a more trying form still
await me - Called at Mother's on an errand as I came
home she had been making a visit at Benj.ⁿ - the
first of her being out in the e^g since her injury.
3^d day 9th. Occupied at the Cg. House early and late
in the pressing duties of the day - wrote to Capt. Hale
at Vailp.^o in the e^g and committed it to the charge of
S. H. Ingalls who leaves for California tomorrow
4th day 10th. As usual my time has been given to
Cg. House business & details - found unexpectedly
that E. M. Robinson had returned my com^o to himself &
others relative a continuance of their prop to my
cr. sent to him on the 4th. had been returned with
the other papers with a note requesting that
it sh^d be sent through another channel viz Geo.
Hussey, to which on the discovery I gave my im-
mediate attention. My D^r. Mother sent to me
yesterday for Frank \$4000. of the purchase money
of her farm, ~~and~~ with a message respecting the note
for the same - which latter duty I have in a note of
y^r addressed to my bro^r. Wm. devolved upon him.

5th day 11 - Went to the Cg. H^o before breakfast and
to the 5th St. M^g at 11 from the Cg. H^o - returned and spent
the rem^t of the day and till near 9 in the e^g - My
Uncle Wm so feeble that it is doubtful whether he survives
the night - Examined the pen^o lamp which has not burned
well for several nights - found the streamer recoiled in

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the time that it has been in use that the oil could not get through it - Scraped off the gummy and restored its action - Had an interview with Geo Hursey in which a matter interesting to both families was referred to. Mrs. Chas. H. also made a call on his wife - the prospect appears to be mutually satisfactory

6th Day 12th. At home before breakfast - and pursued my weary and anxious duties in the Office &c. with feelings of much depression especially in the forenoon. The necessity of financing almost without intermission, with a sense of the disastrous consequences of disappointment in procuring the funds or lapse or omission in applying them comes over me sometimes with almost paralyzing power - returned about 10 in the evg. - There was an alarm of fire this afternoon but it appeared to be soon over - and I did not learn till sometime after that it was caused by the burning of my mother's chimney in the forenoon when the cessation of the snow &c. prevented the protection of the roof as was expected, and the absence of my mother from the house prevented the examination w.^h w.^h otherwise have been ordered - as soon as I heard of it went with a carpenter to see what was required to prevent the entrance of rain through the small breach in the roof which the fire had made and on getting near the house I found that Elisha Kempton had been employed all day about the premises and would do the needful and I returned to my Office cares & duties. Ed. returned this evg.

7th day 13th At home before breakfast writing &c - the
rem^t of the day at the C^y House &c - went to the R.R. Depot
after a very late & hearty dinner to forward a letter, too late
for the mail - Enj. at the C^y House - On getting home
I found that Eliz. Huddys Frank's friend per excellent washburn at tea
Uncle Wm. continued extremely feeble so that his life is
hardly expected to continue from day to day. My pressing
engagements together with the wish that Wm. should advise in
regard to the loan w^{ch} he has made to my sons - has preven-
ted my seeing my dear mother for several days, she being
now at C.W. Morgens & therefore not as when at home
within the range of my daily repeated walks -

1st day 14th Weekly Phosor &c - read in the bible be-
fore breakfast - and glanced at King's report on California
after - went to the Lyceum M^y - Called to see mother
at C.W. Morgens at its close - I Hammond with us at
dinner - weather very cold and windy - Called on my
way to 5th St. M^y at M. Gifford's - Found she was as un-
cle Wm's he being reported very low - I called there
and saw him probably for the last time alive he
has been but slightly conscious of what has been
passing about him to day - at the close of the
M^y. I went to the C^y H^{se} to do some work w^{ch} I must
have uninterrupted attention to do with success - and for
which the daily duties that press upon me on other days
wth uncertainty permit me scarcely able to perform
- after tea sat with the fam^y - made a call at
Sarah Read's - and wrote a letter to N. Barney

2^d day 15th Went to the C^y House before breakfast &
remained till rather late gave the forenoon to my usual
business & to some consultations &c relative to mother's
loan to Frank - afternoon. (Dir) after the mail closed
I devoted to completing the arrangements for the use
of C.W. Morgens & am for attend to my new principle

which took up also most of the day — My Uncle
 M^r. Contrary to my expectation is reported no worse
 than yesterday — Ma chere H^{er} unwell with
 Rheumatic pain & some tendency to Erysipelas.
 3rd day 16th. Engaged with N^o. 1st Mill Calcula-
 tions & from early in the day till late dinner —
 Read in Ma chere H^{er} room after that meal
 and then went to the Cy Bre taking W. B. H^{er}.
 H^{er} Shop in my way — found that C. W. M^r. his
 lamps were nearly but not quite finished
 — was prevented calling later by Cy Bre du-
 ties — and the monthly calculations — W^{ch}.
 kept me till late — Ma chere H^{er} had a
 very poor night — kept from sleeping by
 severe Rheumatic pain — Dr. Spooner
 was called to see her — she sat up a little —
 4th day 17th. As usual devoted to my
 pressing Cons. and duties early as the Cy
 Bre — Got home to a late dinner bring^g.
 C. W. Morgan's lamps with me — found little
 Gertrude told her — learned that my Uncle
 William had taken on aff^{tr}. leave of his im-
 mediate family — descendants & dependents and
 with entire serenity resigned himself to
 die — his perceptions of his approaching
 exit were so accurate that he ceased to

breath about half an hour after that interest-
 ing scene — I remained in my wife's
 room to look over the ^{Boston} Paper of this day
 — and after making the final preparations
 for putting C. W. M.'s corpse in operation I
 took them to his house, where I was
 told of my uncle's death — and the very interest-
 ing incident of his taking an affect^{to} leave of
 his family & servants — I remained some time
 with my J^r and mother &c — and then
 went to the C^y H^{se} where I worked rather late
 5th day 18th Went again early to the C^y H^{se}
 and after a late breakfast called on Aunt
 L^{dia} who seemed very serene & peaceful
 in contemplating the beautiful close of my
 uncle's long & useful life — Called to see
 mother and then to the C^y H^{se}, where I was
 compelled to stay though I sh^d have been
 rejoiced if I could have been as one of the M^{rs}.
 of our Society — after dinner read a volume in
 my wife's Chamber, who is better though
 she had a very wakeful night — then to
 the C^y H^{se} where I rem^{ained} till 9 — Called on
 C. W. M^{rs} — and found the Lamb^{er} C^y H^{se} well
 — rem^{ained} there till after 10 — Home & found
 J^r & E^z busy here — the latter remains the night

6th day 19th Went early to the C^o House, home in season for breakfast. Eliz^z & Harry with us, who with our dear daughters make a lovely trio — to the C^o Hse again till dinner — Some time after it March H^z worn — Ed. returned from Boston to day and we heard of Frank's safe arrival at Springfield — returned late in the afternoon to the C^o House and remained till pretty late — burned my small, or sec^d. C^o Hse lamp fitted after the late improved plan — which did not fully answer my expectation. Some of the reminiscences of this day are not pleasant — a more strict watchfulness in manner & expression I hope & pray may prevent hereafter similar self reproaches — gentle tones & kind expressions alone become the infirmities of which I am sensible — as they do the character which I aspire — My dear H. is still getting better — but slowly — Sister P. & Sue went to Aunt Lydia's, and saw the remains of my Uncle — the appearance of which together with the recollections of his beautiful death left with them peculiar impressions

7th day 20th rose as usual and went to the C^o Hse by the way of the Cemetery — to visit our dear Mary's grave — looked at the other spots of interest and saw the spot prepared for my Uncle's remains — Came home to a rather late breakfast and called at Mother's

ers - where I met M. H. Buggles from Fall River who came to attend the funeral - went with the 3 children at home. at 11 the appointed hour for the last public tribute of respect & affection to our dear uncle - The House was well filled with the relations & friends (which the event drew together - J. B. Davis Thos. A. Greene & Susan Howland Spoke appropriately with reference to the long and exemplary life of the dear and the bright example which he had left behind him. T. A. Greene dwelling on the responsibility & obligation thence devolving on us who had witnessed his good life and unhappily close - The procession was the longest that I had known - after dirg. Remained at home on some scientific researches connected with my lamp - and went to the Library to make further there - to the Pic Works and Cg. Room which I left about 9 - Sister E. was leav. as I got home - & Bishop Eastburne was here in the afternoon - Sister Phoebe was prevented attending the funeral by a cold - Ma chere H. was down to dine with the family
 1st Day 21st Rose early and took my weekly shower &c. &c. - Wickd the parlor lamp and found the strainers considerably coated in 10 ds. use - Read in the bible & Dr. Chennings Memoirs before morn. at the Lyceum

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where our Cousins J. & S. Arnold were - Tho. A. Greene
 spoke and alluded to the character of my dear Uncle
 appropriately - giving practical evidence of the Chris-
 tian Spirit - Called at Charles's to see my dear
 aged Mother on returning home - S. Hammond
 dined with us, after dinner called at Mary
 Gifford and had some conversation respecting my
 Aunt as well as her bro. who has now also departed
 from the scene of earth - of a confiding nature
 in w^{ch} I avowed the sentiments & opinion w^{ch} I
 have otherwise expressed & held - I could wish
 that my relatives could take a view similar
 to my own - Went by my Wife's request to hear
 Bishop Eastburn in the afternoon - as neither
 she nor Sister P. were able to be out - Rem?
 of the day at home - little Willie Angier
 was here to tea & Perry Morgan came to go with
 our Daughters to Ch^{ch} in the eve - her father
 called for her on their return -

2 day 22^d Called to see C. W. Morgan and give
 him my proxy for the Pocasset reg on my
 way to the C^{of} House - attended the funeral
 of Capt. Grinnell at 11 O'clk with Sister Ellen
 & Sarah - the latter did not accompany us to
 the grave - Rem^d of the day as the duties of
 the C^{of} House - and evg. also - Sister P. could

confines her to her room -

3^d day 23^d. Occupied at the Cg. Hse - O'Connell has concluded to leave for higher wages than I can give him in the present disastrous condition of my affairs - which imposes a new trouble on the family

4th day 24th. Went to the Cg Hse before breakfast and occupied there through the day & evg. except an hour or more spent with reference to the employment of my son Sch.

5th day 25th. Thoroughly engaged at the Cg House &c through the day and evg. Edmund left us to day for Washington, whither he goes to be present and assisting at the marriage of his friend J. A. Carson with Caroline Eliot - Called at Mother's or rather at Charles where she is pending the painting &c of her house - or some business with him - so passed for time that I could do no more than enquire after her welfare - home pretty early - our dear Sue is afflicted with an ulceration at the nail of one of her fingers - Sister P. better

6th day 26th - Occupied as recently in verifying my books to the time of the late balancing - my engagements not permitting me to go through with this proof of their correctness, which requires in the present state of my books - much attention

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I am advised by Geo. Huxley. now in New York
that he has bought 186 Bales of Cotton which
for tho^t it expedient to do in anticipation of
a further rise in Price — and A. G. Sudd has gone
this afternoon to Boston with a view of buying
further if the State of the Market will warrant it.
7th day 27th Went as usual before breakfast to the
C. J. room and was closely occupied through the
day and evg — had a call there from Walter T. H.
Cull whom I made enquiry for yesterday M^g
and the evg. before of Mrs. Gordon. on my way to
my bro^r Benj^m — who was absent at the Ferry —
with reference to the Case of ~~my~~ ^{our} Garden this
Season — had also a call from Jacob Thomas
with reference to the Case of our Coros M^g & evg —
— came to a conditional understanding with
both of them — home a little after 10 O^{cl}k
8th day 28th. Took my weekly Shower bath &c. went
to the Lyceum M^g in the forenoon. T. Agnew spoke
from the text judge not lest ye be judged — Called
at its close to see my mother at C. M. Morgans
who is very well — went in the afternoon to the
M^g. on Spring Street, and read in D. Channings
memoir & Dr. Whittiers old Portraits — read
aloud to S. Hammond &c part of the sketch of
Bunyan after divines — evg at home.
2^o day 29th. Engaged at the C. J. House &c through

The day's work -

3^d day 30th To relieve Jackson from part of the extra duty devolving on him in the absence of O'Connell I did the pumping for the attic Cisterns devoted the day to the business of the Office & also the evg. - returning comparatively early, to be up at sunrise

4th day 31st - Filled the Cisterns. otherwise devoted my time my Of Hse employments through the day & evg.

5th day 1st. Went through my mg. operations & at home and finished the day & evg. at the Office. But chiefly at home to avoid interruptions

6th day 2^d. In addition to the pumping made the parlor fire excepty. the removal of the ashes &c) contin. my work at home till near noon when some bank business required my attention, in connection with that went to see W. R. Potter - and from a little too great muscular exertion induced for despatch as I left the steps of his house I strained the large muscle of my right leg with occasional pain in walking, and confined me to the house in the afternoon - Dr. Pease sending me home in his wagon - where I continued my figuring, but was disappointed in effect of the agreement which I desired in proof of the accuracy of my books. Bro. B. called to see me

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7th Day 4th Rose early and pursued my pressing work - my lameness not worse - had my books and notes in the Lib^y. Where I was through the day I saw Dr Peice who kindly did some errands for me, bro: B. also called on business partly - my lameness better in the afternoon - Capt. Cox called at w^y. relative to Capt Brown & the Schooner, to go again to the wrecked vessel at the Vine^y.

1st Day 5th found my lameness much better. took my accustomed shower &c - went to m^y. A. M. & P. at the Sp^y. St. House, & called to ^{me} my mother at the close of the first m^y. where I saw A. M. who ar^d from Phil^a: this m^y. bro: B. & wife Ed^d. Motley & wife L. W. J. Poteb - read in Dr. Channing's Mem^o. & a copy of E. Burritt's "Christian Citizen" sent to me by W^m. Read in consequence of a conversation at her house two weeks ago with her niece Abby Read then then from Worcester on a visit. I found it a paper imbued with the truly Chris-
tian spirit. read also Webster's late speech on the Union.
2^d Day 6th Read part of Horace Mann's masterly letter to his constituents in which he controverts Webster and refutes some of Webster's positions with reference to Slavery and its extension - worked at home till the mid. of the forenoon when Dr P. sent his wagon for

Me and Joven with my bookse to the Cg House and
 Remained there till 10 P.M. taking my dinner with me
 — my lameness so much better that I walked home with ease
 without inconvenience — The painting of our Kitchen &
 &c makes us forego the usual Cooking and depend chiefly
 on the baker for our bread

3^d Day 7th wrote and performed arithmetical calculations
 at home before breakfast, read the remainder of Horace
 Mann's able & eloquent letter to his constituents — Walked
 to the Cg House and remained there with slight
 exception till near 11 P.M. — taking my dinner there
 to avoid unnecessary walking — to favor my lame leg
 the Painter here finishing his work.

4th Day 8th at my figures before breakfast at home — after
 that meal re adjusted with connectg. cord instead of the chain
 which has repeatedly broken the balance weights of the Upper
 House Trap Door — Ma chere M. in watering the plants
 had an escape from a very serious danger — in stepping
 on a high plant shelf to reach to others it broke down
 and she fell with it but through favor she escaped with
 some bruises, a stool behind me & her on its seat as she
 fell — I was afterward employed through the day &
 was at the Cg Hse, going to the R.R. Depot & on one other
 errand only — got home after 11 — took my dinner there
 on crackerse to favor my leg which is better — Eliza Loun-
 aid Called at the Cg. Room. having left Springfield yesterday P.M.
 when Frank was well.

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5th day 9th - Remained at home before breakfast
and then went to the C^g House where I was through
the day and till about 11 in the eve - Taking
my meals there to favor my leg - which is
now nearly restored. Our neighbor Enoch
Storton who has been many years in very infirm
health died yesterday - He was a worthy
man and generally respected.

6th day 10th At home before breakfast, called to
make an enquiry at ~~mother's~~ C. W. Morgan's relative to
his return and to see my mother. Spent the rest of
the day at the C^g House & evg - dining there as of late
on crutches - Went again to C. W. Morgan on my
way home expecting to find my family there but I
found they did not go as I anticipated. Saw Ellen
Drinker who had letters from her son by the last
mail - who continued well but the prospect
was not very flattering either for him or W^m
Logan. - It would seem that the former & Fred.
Robert had made some land speculation at
the site of a new plan in the interior, found
bro. Benjⁿ here on getting home - and that my
wife's business were the reason of her not going
to Sister Sarahs. - Our W. Ellen was there &
Susan at Jos. Howland's to tea &c
7th day 11th Engaged at the C^g House through the day &
evg - taking my dinner at the C^g H^{se} to favor my leg &c

1st day 12th Took my weekly shower &c, went to M^{rs}. at the Spring St. House & M^{rs}. T. Agnew being absent at Washington I was doubtful whether the Lyceum would be open & called at Wm. Morgan's to see mother at the close of the 1st day and called to see Mary Gifford at the close of the 2^d - after that went to see Eliza Russell and Mary Taber & to see Delia & her husband who is lately ar^d from sea - they were gone to his friend in Middleborough - and I was very sorry to learn that he was suffering under a brain fever which disordered his intellect, & two months standing - a sad disappointment to the high hopes of his wife - his physical health otherwise is improved - and I am very desirous that he sh^d go to one of the hospitals where such affections are the special objects of attention.

2^d day 13th Walked to J. A. Parker's before breakfast with reference to an extension of the Credit which I have had the benefit of for the last 20 months - he appeared very favorably disposed to accede to the proposition. In the course of the day I saw him again and also Edw Robinson Geo Hursey Thos. Hathaway and Wm. Swift & Jereh Perry's son in law & his son Eben^r - I merely mentioned what I wished and left it for their consideration - devoted my time to C^{of} the duties except a call at the Island and twice at Wood Brighton & Co's Shop about the lamps - for the L. H. &c. I was detained pretty long by my letters occasioned by an interruption to make a settle^t of my acct. with all. Buckley - Martha & Mary Russell were here at tea

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3rd day 14th Attended to some domestic jobs before breakfast and went afterward to the C^y House where I was assiduously engaged till 10 P.M. I then left for Sister Sarah's where my fam^y were, and whom I found it impossible to join earlier.

4th day 15th Occupied at the C^y House day & ev^gs - went twice to the R R Depot to for letters.

5th day 16th Still Engaged with my pressing C^y House duties - where I was after the morning till late at night except an hour on the M^g. of the Bridge Corporation which was held at the B.C. Bank - The M^g. was very small & in all - I called up the State of the Drain and the detriment which the interests of the North suffered from its inadequate & imperfect Condition -

6th day 17. After breakfast, went to the C^y House and was there engaged till the ev^g. was spent except an hour in the afternoon to attend the funeral of our friend & neighbor Enoch Horton - Jos^s Davis spoke - He is one of those who leave a good name, and no unkind feelings behind him.

7th day 18th At home as my morning duties now increased, before breakfast, afterward as my C^y House duties without interruption (including occasional errands in connection therewith) till ev^g. On Sun Tho^s as this m^o.

1st day 19th ^{the} Attended my personal & family bus. duties before breakfast - went to my school & H at the Brick ing House, called on Mother after the close at C. McKays - Went in the afternoon to the Pacific (Kempston St) Ch^{ch} to hear the funeral Service on the death of Thomas Crocker a worthy Ship Carpenter of my acquaintance - Mr. Holmes made the opening prayer sermon by a stranger, who I understand is to be pastor of the Cong^y - I called with Ma chue H after tea to see Aunt Lydia Poter & family - and afterward with Thos at Geo Halls cyp with reference to anticipated connection between the families - which seems to be mutually agreeable - read in the Liberator D^r Channing's Memoirs

2nd day 20th Morn^g. duties personal & domestic till breakfast - afterward at the C^y House with only a few business errands till late in the ev^g my bro^r W^m ar^d today from his visit to Bloomsburg & New York

3rd day 21st At home as usual before breakfast afterward at the C^y House & through the day & ev^g

4th day 22^d At home till breakfast, and then to the C^y House where I was till late in the ev^g

5th day 23^d Occupied at home till breakfast in my personal and domestic duties - remainder of the day at the C^y House which extended as usual into the ev^g.

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6th day 24th 5th 1850 — Passed the day as yesterday — as usual taking my dinner & supper on excellent fresh Pilot bread — The review of my private books for the last six months I began this afternoon & prepare for transferring the balances to a new ledger — this process and its completion will involve considerably extra duty, but once finished, my amo^t. will be shown with the desirable perspicuity, which from the crowded state of my present ledger is far from being the case —

7th Day 25th Engaged as yesterday morning and through the day & evg — I long for relief from the excessive of the engage^t & anxieties but am entirely unable to foresee this desirable issue no light yet breaking through the clouds which have so long darkened the prospect and oppressed my spirits — My dear mother returned to her own mansion today from Sister Sarah's where she has been during the painting of her house — Our son Francis arrived this evg from Springfield to spend a day or two with us and his especial friend, and give them public evidence of the engagement which has got on somewhat sooner than they intended and desired Tho^t at Petoupski this evg — a rather imprudent jaunt, with his injured Patella which has lamed him for some days, and respects which he today took the advice of Dr. Bartlett, if he has not followed it.

1st Aug 26th — Went through my usual weekly
ablutions & my domestic duties — and in p.m. after
feels had the melancholly announcement of the death
at Sⁿ Francisco of Our dear nephew Fred^d. Rolston —
— His going to that distant region was a great mistake
— his impatience however to do something in the way
of business while nothing encouraging presented
here induced him under the then prevailing
excitement from the Golden reports of California
against the wishes of his friends to try his fortune
there — The last monthly mail bro't no letters from
him — explained in his cousin Wm's letters by the
disqualification of a sick headache — but
this appearing a sufficient reason for the omission
no apprehension was excited in the minds, except
a few, of his friends. — His father was in New
York and went full of hope onboard the steam-
er before she was fairly at the wharf, enquiring for
New Bedford people to get news from his young-
est and darling son, the object of his peculiar
tenderness and that of his departed wife Fred^d's
devoted mother one of whose latest injunctions had
reference to him — How great must have been
the shock when instead of the joyful news which
he so confidently anticipated, the dreadful news
of his death fell upon his ear, may be perhaps
imagined but cannot be expressed. A.R. had

the Sympathy of our bro: Charles on the passage home - he arrived this morning and went to his room where he resigned himself to his physical exhaustion and Stricken heart - I was at Mother's with ma & chere H. after my M^g at the Spring St. Hse, (She was too much overcome to go to hers) and from there we went to Andrews - Sisters Sarah & Susan & bro: B. were there - we saw L. Russell - and in the afternoon the two latter called and read the long and Particular Statement from their Son of the Commencement and progress of his fatal disease (dysentery) William gave all his time and attention to him and other kind friends were devoted to alleviate as far as possible his sufferings and minister to his recovery, but all in vain - He died in the full possession of his faculties with a mind at peace, with grateful consideration for the kind friends who were so anxiously about him, and with overflowing affection for his dear father & friends far away - giving with his latest breath evidence of his desire to mitigate as far as possible the severe wound which the intelligence they were destined to receive would inflict - By repeated messages of the devotion of his friends, who contri-

but every thing everything that could preserve
 his comfort, and recovery if the latter were possible
 - and that he was going to his dear Mother with
 numerous messages, particular & more general of
 of his love, he gave calm and intelligent direc-
 tions on all points connected with his affairs
 and without a struggle the Spirit left the mortal
 frame - Thus our Dear Fredth has fallen
 another victim to the disastrous excitement
 which the profligacy of our late administra-
 tion as bro^r upon the Country by its abomin-
 able war with Mexico, to spread still wider
 the Curse of Slavery by conquest from the feder-
 al Republic on our borders - At 8 P.M. St.
 M^y. in the afternoon - Rev. W. Horton called in
 the ev^g - and vainly prevented me from going and
 self repeating our visit - read in D. Channings
 Memoirs - Thomas confined to his room
 and bed to favor the recovery of the injury of the
 knee - Mr. Hurry with him this ev^g - Frank
 at G. H. to ~~the~~ &c.

2 day 27 - Attended to my morn^g. duties and
 spent the day and ev^g at the C^y. Hse. except
 a visit of an hour towards noon with ma-
 chine to bro^r Andrew & family. W^m's wife and Andrew
 an Lydie were there - Martha did not come this ev^g
 but is expected tomorrow - they called to see mother this ev^g.

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whose age & infirmities as the weather has been
preclude. her visit of Sympathy under the com-
mon affliction which the dear aged grandparent
deeply feels — I was at her house with me
there before noon & for a moment one or
twice afterwards — Frank dined with family
of which he is to be an adopted member

3^d day 28th Francis left in this morn^g to return to
Springfield — I called at Mother's and at
Andrews' — Sister Ladia with her family ar-
rived to see & spend the day with Mother ex-
cept her son in Law & Julia — I saw them a
moment as they alighted and supposed that
they would remain a few days — the rem^r of
the day at my C^y. H^l duties, and a^y also
4th day 29th After my home duties went to the
the C^y. House before breakfast and after that time
called at Mother's and later at Andrews where
I learned that Jone Roberson & Martha & Alan
son had arrived to mingle their sorrows — the
rem^r of the day & ev^g. at the C^y. House except
an errand to the South part of the Town and to my
moth^r lot with reference to the removal of my
present Platform Scale, and to Smith Street to
arrange for the renewal of an Dut^y hear^g. pill at
the wharf. Saw Jo^l. Delans about the exten-
sion of the credit arrang^t. & called to see M^r. Lane ^{whom}
I did not see but afterwards sent a note to him on the Sub^l.

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5th day 30th. At home as usual in the morn^g. - and
the rem^t of the day at the C^y House &c except a
Call at Andrews & Mothers - Saw J. Robeson
who came to Condole with his brother in his sad
bereavement - Called on my way home in the
M^g. to see C. Staples relative to a Derrick
for removing the stones about one of my wharf piles
for heavy Ships which it is necessary to replace
with a new one

6th day 31st Amiduously engaged at the C^y House
except the M^g. - and a call after dinner on
W^m Howland relative to the Scale lot - which
is now selling to mutual Satisfaction -

7th day 6m^o Employed at home till breakfast
afterward at the C^y House except some time
Near noon spent in locating the Site of the
New Scale on W^m Howlands lot - and in the
afternoon in consultation as to the refitting the
heavy Out Pile - e^y. at the C^y House, Cal-
led at Andrews

1st day 1st Weekly Shower as usual - Edm^d arrived
in the big train from New York after a months absence at
Washington &c - in good health - I was obliged to go to the
C^y Room after breakfast till the big hour when I went to
the L^y ceum. Tho^s. A. Greene has j. returned - He spoke a
few words with reference to the M^g! large & small which he
had attended - & J^s. that he had enjoyed the small ones.

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of Alexandria and Washington - quite as much as
the overflow of house in Rose St. New York - conforming.
Practically the declaration of our Saviour that where
two or three are gathered in my name there will I be in
the midst of them - called as mothers and And.^{rs}
after me. and after dear J. (S. Hammond with us) I
took some flowers gathered by my dear wife to Mary's
grave - The day being very fair a considerable number
of persons were also visiting the Cemetery returned
by the way of the C^y House where I stayed till the m^y
noon & then went to Spring St. House & finished the
3rd Vol. of Dr Chamming's Memoirs, and after tea
took it M. Gifford of whom I borrowed it -
and called at Aunt Nancy's on my return who
returned with Ch^d & And.^{rs} this day week from a visit
at Wakefield -

2^d day 3^d at home as usual before breakfast - after-
ward at the C^y House & till dinner to which I came
home as Elizth Hursey - Franks betrothed, was to be
with us - to the store again and remained till
the close of the day - The Hay Scale or Plat-
form at the wharf, was taken up to prepare
for the substitution of Fairbanks Patent of
Iron -

3^d day 4th Occupied by some C^y House work &
Calculations at home till the middle of the fore-
noon - afterward at the C^y House & till the close

of the evening

4th day 5th. At my morning duties before breakfast & afterwards at the C^y House called at Mother's, and saw a curious letter addressed to her in 1810 by a female friend and peeress, with my Mother's appropriate reply - at the C^y House till near the close of the evg - the long days at present makes before at a comparatively early hour necessary -

5th day 6th. Engaged as usual at home in the morning and at the C^y House afterwards, rode to see John Allen at Washington Square with reference to putting down my Hay Scale lately removed from the wharf to give place to Fairbanks - gave some attention to the placing of the latter - a very perfect machine of its kind - and to the repairs of the heavy & other piles at the wharf -

6th day 7th. Occupied at home till near noon with the work preparatory to a new Ledger at the C^y Hse, which is the rest of the day - new platform finished and tried (not tested) by the Scales of weights - pronounced as it doubtless is correct, tho' he has no means to prove it, within any considerable range - endeavored to see W. C. & N. Swift & bro^r but did not succeed - addressed a note to them and came home at 10 - Machine &c. Confined with a bad cold

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17th day 8th At home till between 8 & 9 - after-
ward at the C^y. Hse. I w^h - giving some attention
to the work at the latter examining the heavy and
belaying piles - the heavy ledge stones of w^h.
the walls are composed make it a difficult op-
eration require a derrick & crane purchase
- The Hay Scale was finished in the plankening
& box for the beam &c - My C^y. Hse duties are pur-
suing and will be so till my present books are
closed and the unfinished acc^{ts} transferred - a
completion desirable for the finishing up of acc^{ts}
long ready for the closing entries - but more im-
portant for the precariousness of my pecuniary
position - returned before 10 - - Eliza^h. Harvey
was here - an alarm by the fire bells but I be-
lieve without foundation in fact - I did not go out
1st Day 9th Occupied in the morn^g. as usual, went
to the C^y. House and thence to the Lyceum meeting
at the usual hour, called at the Close as moth-
ers and Andrews. his bro^r John went to the Spring
St^h. Hse and I did not find him at home - St^h. Ham-
mond visit to us at dinner - read in D^r Follen's
sermons till the high noon and then went to the 5th
St^h. House - at the close of the M^o. went to the C^y
House and remained till the close of the ev^g - The
state of my embarrassed affairs compelling me to
forego the pleasure I sh^d have in a different appropriation
of all the hours of this day w^{as} spent for devotion &

Nil from secular cases

2^d day 10 At domestic occupations before breakfast afterward at the C^y House through the day except an errand to Wash^g - Town about the Hay Scales but failed to see the man whom I sought

3^d day 11th Rose early - and before breakfast went to see J^r. Allen and then Cranston Wilcox about the location of the Hay Scales on the Corner of the M^y. H^ose. lot - at C^y Monroes on my way to the C^y. Room, to inform him that Tho^s. Lane knew w^h. detain him at home another day - devoted the rem^t of the day, except a short call at Mothers to my C^y House duties included however a walk in the afternoon to see how the work at the pit of the Hay Scales on Purchase St. progressed - came home a little after 10 -

4th day 12th Occupied at home before breakfast - afterward at the C^y House till the start^g of the latest train of Cars, from the depot went on to the new Hay Scales on Purchase Street, the wall for the frame being about finished - returned and worked till 10^o when the want of light from the failure of the wicks of my lamp obliged me to desist, and come home

Tho^s. still at home, his lameness not improved

5th day 13th - at Home till breakfast afterward went to see John Allen about the Hay Scale - found that the trustees of the M^y. House had given a negative answer to my application - On examining the adjacent

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vicinity there was found no suitable place without
 occupying a part of the street, and that by taking
 in the Side Walk on the S. side of ~~Albany St.~~ in front
 of J. Allen's Shop, a good location w^h he had without
 trespassing on the public convenience - It was
 therefore concluded to apply for permission to put
 it there and that J. A. M^r present a petition to
 the Mayor & Aldermen to that end. a form for^d.
 I went to him in the afternoon - I remained at
 the C. G. House till the close of the ev^g - making
 a trip to the laundry for my thick headed lamp
 burners, and calling at Mother's, and Andrew's
 on business in the afternoon when I saw Mary
 Van Olander whom I had not seen for 24 years
 - since her marriage & removal to Albany
 she is very deaf, but looks well she was
 handsome in her youth, and still very pleasant
 in her manners. - She & her sister Keziah are
 the only survivors of her father's family - Read
 in the Boston Paper an intelligent acct. of Parson
 Hydon Electric Light - the acct. is wonderful
 and if true will make my lamp experiments
 of little importance, bro^t my thick rimmed burners from
 6th day 14th. At home before breakfast ^{the Island} - and
 afterward at the C. G. H^{se} till the close of the ev^g
 call^g. home again to see mother, and making a

trip to the Island and taking a walk to the new Scale
on Purchase St. now completing in good style, and ready
for use. met Haydon Coggeshall there, and rode with
him to Masfield St. - he gave me the first information
of his son in law D. Hardy having gone to the Sand-
wich Islands

7th day 15th At home before breakfast as usual
afterward at my Cg. House duties. Made a visit
to the Island foundry for a slight alteration in ^{one of} my
new burners. - put the other into ^{one of} my house lamp
to try the effect of the thick rim, in preventing an in-crus-
tation of the Oil on the surface by the heat of the
flame, but without the strainer which it w^d.
not fit - left the Cg. Hse about 10 1/2 O'clk -

1st day 16th Rose early and took my weekly shower
- Read in the bible as is my daily practice and
a breakfast a little in advance of the family took
some flowers prepared by her mother to the spot
hallowed to our dear Mary's memory - returned
by the way of the Cg. Hse, went to the Lyceum meeting.
- called at mother's & bro^r. Andrew's at its close -
S. Hammond with us at dinner, and after reading
to the family an article from the Boston Courier con-
tradicting the unfair reports of the other papers of
the Anniversary Meeting of the Mass. Anti Slavery So-
ciety & in Follen's Sermon, to myself, I went to the 5th day

which was small from the absence of the prominent members at the yearly mg - at its close went to the C^y H^{se} for a couple of hours, and home to tea where I remained for the evg - Chas & his D^r Elizth called at the close of their evg service - My lamp burner promises to have the good effect anticipated - Tho^s nurs^g his lame leg in bed, blistered yesterday.
 2^d day 17th At home till after 9 - Read again Benton's speech against the so called compromise bill of Clay & his Com^{ee} which is strong in argument and keen in satire - rem^d of the day at my C^y H^{se} duties evg^s also, called to see my mother in the afternoon -
 3^d day 18th At home till breakfast and the rem^d of the day & evg at the C^y H^{se} - Edm^d went to Boston this morn^g - Tho^s still nursing his lame knee Dr Baillie in attendance. Called to see my mother
 4th day 19th At home till breakfast completed my trial bal^{ce} for transferring my accounts to a new Ledger - Occupied in my financial arrangements and in completing the purchase of the lot on School St^h which has been occupied by the H^{se} w^{ch} came to me through Davenport 6^{57 1/2}/₁₀₀ R. @ \$90. Saw my bro^r W^m in relation to mother's loan to our son Thomas which led to a temporary misapprehension of the case. w^{ch} was however was im^y removed on communicating with her. I saw her in the evg. as also in the forenoon -

5th day 20 At home before breakfast as usual and
 the rem^t of the day at the C^y H^{se} except the time spent
 A M & M endeavoring to start the Syphon for exhaust-
 ing the water in the cellar of the Store on the wharf
 and a call at Abby & Phoebe Hill's in relation to
 their Sister E. Stackhouse dec^d property. Capt Stack-
 house being here supposing that he has the title to
 to the house which was her former husband's - but
 on receiving to the Will of w^{ch} I was executor I
 find that he is mistaken, the house having been
 given to her forever, the Reversionary Rights w^{ch}
 he extinguished by purchase embracing only the
 other property which the income was given to
 her during her life -

6th day 21 At home till after breakfast - While stopping
 in the Street to speak to a man my straw hat was blown
 and sudden spring to regain it & turn again to the person
 with whom I was conversing bro^t a strain on the ligament
 on the inner side of my right knee which has lamed me
 I was careful to favor it as well as my business would
 permit and sat the latter half of the day, a call from
 Jabez Fisher of the Pros. Steam mill induced me to
 walk with him to see my son Ed^d & partner about Oil
 & to find Mr. O'N^o - The Failure of Hunting & Tufft
 involves pretty deeply the O^r of the Condor and Red
 Man & Leonard - and many other Oil dealers & inf^r
 - Walked home in the ev^g with some difficulty

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7th day 22^d. At home till some time after breakfast. My lameness preventing. My walking - occupied with my accounts - till I availed of one of the errands of Wm. R. Holch's family to ride down with his man to my Oj. House where I remained till 6 P.M. - and walked home at the close of it - without apparent injury.

1st day 23^d Went through my weekly ablution & and to my at the Lyceum. thinking my knee better I left off the application of cold water - and walked to mother's and home at its close - Read in Dr. Follen's Sermons which I found very sound straight forward & interesting - I read them some years ago and was then pleased with them - ~~He~~ was a true and talented man.

2^d day 24th My knee contin^g. inflamed I remained at home, employed with my acc^t. Tho^t continues without much improve^t. Dr. Bartoll keeps him in bed as permitting of the most favorable position of the limb.

3^d day 25th Still at work as before on my accounts in the observatory which I find a most favorable and pleasant place under my present circumstances - pressed with business duties which no one else can assume - my lamp (one of the parlor pair) enabling to pursue my labors till the necessity of sleep.

oblige me to desist — had a call from W. M. Shearman
 4th day 26 to inform me that the Can occu-
 pied by my P. W. Oil was wanted for sp^{ts}. —
 I wrote to Capt Howland stating that my
 experiment was incomplete and requesting
 him to let my Oil remain — ~~that rode today~~

4th day 26th still at work in the
 observatory — my knee improving but
 from the nature of the injury I am very
 cautious in using it — Tho? without much
 change — he rode again today

5th day 27 — Spent the day as yester-
 day in the obs^y. Tho? much as of late
 he rode again today — Our dear Ellen had
 two teeth extracted by Maria — under the
 influence of Chloroform — with but little
 consciousness of pain — Dear child, it
 is sad that so young she has to sub-
 mit to such operations

6th day 28 — at Home in the obs^y. till
 near 12 — when I walked carefully
 down to the Cythe — using. then till
 late in the ev^g. — Called at mother's, who
 I was sorry to find quite ill in bed — did not
 see her. Dr. Rotch was called — Our dear daughters
 left this afternoon with Mary Morgan for Jan^a Plains

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7th day 29th — Went to the C^y house after breakfast, stopping at mother's on the way whom I did not see, she being in bed and a sick sister Eliza however gave a favorable report of the night — I returned in the ev^g. having favored my knee by sitting to write — without injury

8th day 30th. Shower bath in the m^g — at the Lyceum meeting in the forenoon, called at mother's at its close, and found her much better — met D^r Rotch who reported very favorably — at the Spring Street m^g in the afternoon — which was large on acct. of the funeral services on the death of Dixie Howland — I called after tea to enquire after poor Horatio — his father gave a discouraging acct. of him — and doubted his living more than 24 hours — this is a sad instance of the consequences of giving the reins to sensual instincts. — I was writing part of the day and ev^g. in the obs^y — bro^r W^m and his children Anna & her husband W^m Worcester were here in the ev^g —

2^d day 7/1 — writing in the obs^y till noon then to the C^y. Here I stopped at mother's who was sitting up in her room looking very well

and comfortable - I had to stand most of the
 time which caused my knee to swell - came
 home at 10 - and ~~and~~ wrote in my notes won-
 till after midnight - On ^{an} ^{im} ^{frank} ^{at} ^{they} ⁱⁿ ^{from}
 3^d day engaged at the ^{Jam^a Plain} ^{where he spent years} ^{after the} ^{war}
 and till about 9 in the evg

4th day 3^d at home preparing my New Ledger
 for opening the accounts therein till towards noon
 then to my financial duties which were
 unexpectedly pressing but which I ~~was~~ ^{was} ^{forced}
 temporarily to get through with - rem^d
 as the ^{Cy} ^{Hse} till 10 I then came home &
 wrote in the obs^j - Called at Mother's who
 was in her parlor apparently quite recov-
 ered from her late indisposition. We
 learned this morning that poor Horatio
 Potch died last night about 11 o'clock

5th day 4th this being the National anniversary was
 generally observed as a holiday - I worked as
 assiduously as ever at the ^{Cy} ^{Hse} and
 observation - ^{every} ^{day} - ^{at} ^{the} ^{Cy} ^{Hse} - ^{Ma} ^{here}
 H^d ^{Edm^d} made a call on W^m R^{ob} Potch who
 they are in deep affliction - I did not see
 my mother to day - I scolded but as there
 were some people from ^{Wentworth} and I
 had no time to spare I passed on - The
 weather was favorable on the whole & the people ^{seem} ^{to} ^{be} ^{happy}

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1st day 5th Attended to my very pressing of hse
 duties through the day and continued them
 in the eve^g in the ev^g - Called to see Mother
 who continues troubled in her domestic es-
 tablishment for want of a competent man
 of the day 6th Went to the C^y House where I
 remained till 10 - then called at Mother's
 on the way home to go to the funeral of Hor^e
 Rotch - It was conducted in Friend man-
 ner and Susan & Rachel Howard each
 made a feeling prayer - It was an occa-
 sion of greatly more than usual Sadness -

Called at bro: Wm after returning from
 the Cemetery to speak about the engage^t
 of Ch^s. Allen for our Mother - did not see him
 and left a note - dined at home, and
 then to the C^y Hse and contin^d my work in
 the ev^g as the obs^y

1st day 7th Morning Pharoas &c in the obs^y
 till meeting at the Lyceum Called on Moth-
 ers - at Spring St Hse in the afternoon and
 came home with our fr: Jan^s. Robeson who
 spent the ev^g with us - and bro: And^s came
 for him late in the ev^g to take him home in
 his Carriage - He is a very worthy good
 man - whose company is always acceptable
 and instructive - My knee more lame

them of lat. from over taking it yesterday
 2^d day 8th - Wrote in the Obs & in breakfast
 rem^d of the day at the C^y H^{se} - Came home at
 dusk and continued my work in the Obs.
 3^d day 9th At home at my usual avocations and in
 the obs^y till 9 O'clk - Frank and Edmund leaving
 life in the city cars for Boston - the former contin-
 uing his route to Springfield and perhaps to Lenox
 with a party of ^{some} J. Howland & Geo. Huxley's family, and
 relations from N. York - his particular friend being one -
 I went to the C^y House at 9 and remained as quiet
 as I well could on a cast of my knee which
 swells yet and does not sensibly improve - Poor
 Thomas is still in bed with his more serious in-
 jury - I rem^d at the C^y H^{se} till 10 - called
 at Mother's on my way down and was glad to
 learn that Ch. Allen was in mother's service
 4th day 10th Closely engaged at the C^y House through the
 day and ev^g. Calling at Mother's but avoiding as much
 as I conveniently could the use of my lame leg. Remained there
 till the close of the ev^g.
 5th day Walked to the C^y Room with care to favor my lame
 knee & sat with little exception through the day, as
 I found my knee more swollen - the apparent sound-
 ness of the joint, on the two last days of last week from
 my previous case, caused me to neglect to favor it as
 I had done, which neglect has proved that the recovery

from the injury was not complete - The protracted confinement of our son Thos from the neglect of his injury of the knee (by w^{ch} he is yet kept in bed under Dr. Bartlett's care) admonished me to special caution on which I fully tall I thought the cure might safely be submitted - This unpleasant experience must be well heeded - and I therefore borrowed a pair of crutches to avoid using it on my way home in the evg - These props were made for a shorter man and this made the use of them a laborious operation - came home quite late from the urgency of my business.

6th day Went early to the G^o House, avail^g of the Farm wagon which brings our milk in the m^g - set with very slight exception all day, and rode up in the same way toward evg - continuing my work as home

7th day 13th My knee continuing swollen I applied again cold water and remained at home having some of my aut books here - using a cane so as almost wholly to relieve my lame leg from my weight in the slight movements which I could not well forego had a call from broth^{rs} Chas & Benjⁿ - the latter gave one of his severe Philipicks on my impudence in many ways which pressed lightly because they were undeserved - Thos is reported better - our sweet daughter returned this evg from their delightful visit -

1st Day 14th. Confined at home, but walked with a cane so as to favor my knee in the hope that I might be able to go Providence on some important business in the morning Geo Hussey was here after me and again with his wife in the eve.

2nd day 15th. The state of my knee on waking satisfied me that I could not go to Providence and I wrote to Chas. to that effect & to say I must rely on him to go in my stead - On Dr Portlett's calling to see Thos. I let him examine mine - He thot. that there was a decided effusion of the water of the joint and recommended the entire disuse of it and the application of a blister, which advice was followed and I retired to the nursery and fixed myself on the lounge to do what I could at the desk while resting my leg on the couch -

3rd day Wrote early to give some additional instructions to Chas. before he left in the Can for Providence - wrote all day on the couch, but by night found the muscles of my thigh & leg painful from the constrained position - Chas. returned and reported an unsuccessful mission & sent for Br. Wm. to consult him on the

course to be pursued to meet the emergency he ^{came & I wrote to Providence} ~~was not at home & I intended~~ with a good deal of anxiety
 4th Day 17 — On the Couch all day — disappointed in the answer from Broo^r — sent for Wm. L. as he was not at home I could not have his advice to night. Ed. went a see time quite late but did not return before I retired —

5th Day 18th Wrote several letters to some of my friends to see if they would aid me with the use of my Credit, to enable me to keep along with the Cotton Mill &c, as I have been aided for the last two years — Our little Ellen trying her hand with very encouraging success in copying them in the clothes press — which I use as a substitute for my letter press with equal effect if not of convenience — had calls from some of my relations. Ed. went to Boston & returned in the evg.
 6th Day 19th Finished my appeal to my friends in regard to Credit facilities — Dr. Bartlett keeps a cloth wet with Salt water to my knee — The Hoell^s abating, Sarah, Sister and little Rod. and her nephew Mrs. L. Fisher called — with Sister Elsie, also T. D. Eliot, my anxious business duties, compel me to do what I can under my present disadvantages. Sister Sarah has

been here several times. Had letters relieving me from
the doubt in regard to the Deanean Loan, on the paper of
the Press (see contin. p. 209) of the note for this the preceding
7th day 20th - Still Confined to the nursery
and yet on very lamely with my pressing affairs
keeping my leg in a horizontal position. -

1st day 21 - Remained with little exception. On
the nursery Couch, and read in Follen's Sermons in
which there is much that is excellent - he has a fine
intellect and perfect devotion of Character to the
truth - Geo Hurrey Called - also Sarah Miller
her nephew - Thomas takes a Shower Bath
daily, & it is thought with advantage but his lo-
cal infirmity is but very slowly recovering. - Our
friend Mary Gifford called and offered her jointed
Easy Chair for my use very kindly - I shall try
it though I fear it will not facilitate my working
which I must not to the extent of Providence would

2^d day 22^d - Mary Gifford sent her Chair - and
I have used it much to my ease while writing
with the portable Desk resting on my Crutches
these being upheld by the straps forming the arms
and adjusting the back, and the back of a chair at my
feet - In this way the limb is as much as rest as
if I were in bed while the soft Cushions prevent
all fatigue from the position - Geo. Hurrey called to attend
to some business of the Steam Mill - and in the eve g-

Thos. Greene & Wm. & Anna Robeson were with me. Thos. as usual had heard of his friends.

3 day 23^d I have passed a very quiet day as to my lame leg, though quite active at my writing as yesterday - I had some idea of omitt^g the salt water at night - but finally applied it. My knee being much better -

4th day 24th My knee being better I thought I would use it a little in walking with crutches and let the foot rest upon the floor dispensing with the use of the easy chair - I went out to look at the thermom^r and see the position of the broken one as placed by young Ashley - I found it not so conspicuous as I expected to find it and I prefer to admit the possibility of my having overlooked it to charging the boy with persisting in an unqualified falsehood - I wrote at the table all day but found my knee &c a little more swollen in the ev^g - I gave it the hor^z position in the afternoon. Chas. Morgan & Hatty Hurrey were here, the latter in the ev^g - The allusion to young Ashley requires some explanation, on the 1st inst. My Wet bulb Therm^r was stolen - on the 16th Ashley was caught in the attempt to take the one with which I had replaced it 2 other boys being in comp^y but not within my enclosure. I described them to the Teachers of the High School & Academy - Mr. Emerson of the former called in the ev^g to say that he had ascertained the party - Robbins & Edwards were the other two. Mr. Robbins called with

his son the next day having learned from Mr. Emerson the
 facts — the son does not appear to have been much impli-
 cated — I wrote to the fathers of the other boys — and
 Athley called afterwards with his son, who admitted that
 he took the 1st Inst. but insisted that he bro't it back
 the next day, and put it in the tree on the branch from
 the others were suspended — it was never seen by any
 of the fam^y. though it was sought for with some care
 both by my wife & myself — till the day after the boy
 was detected in stealing the other — on the forenoon of
 that day it was found on the ground under the other the
 morn^g. broken — Edwards called with his son who
 did appear to be more implicated than Robbins
 — Mr. Emerson called a second time as did Mr.
 Robbins — all show^g. a proper concern at the delinquen-
 cy of the boys — Athley less unequivocally than the
 other parents perhaps — The fact that he is the keep-
 er of a Grog Shop, may acct^d. for this, while it calls
 for special commiseration towards the son who is
 exposed to such injurious influences —

5th Day 18th ^(Continued from p. 206) At Work in my Chamber with
 my leg supported as heretofore by M. Gifford's
 easy Chair, and slowly improving, but my
 pecuniary troubles, crippled as I am in my lo-
 co-motive powers give me much anxiety — Edm^d
 went to Boston this m^g. to return this ev^g — Bro^r W^m
 was here to day, and revived our flagging spirits as

to the propriety of sending our dear Sue to Lenox to enjoy with her young friends now these the recuperative influences of rural Scenery & Mountain Air and, so her own hopes have not been chilled by the trying consideration which have disheartened her Ed. returned from Boston the evg. He is also quite feeble, he will go with his sister to L. -

6th day 24th Our dear Susan with her bro left us this morn'g. for Lenox - The weather rainy but this will not render the journey less pleasant, as the dust will be laid and the Atmosphere cooled -

5th day 25th Wrote again in the Easy Chair find'g that I must still be patient to get well most Speedily - had calls from some of my friends

6th day 26th Writing in my Chamber, but moving a very little with my Crutches

7th day 27th Employed as of late in doing what my Stationary Position will permit, but hoping soon to be enlarged for other pressing objects of attention.

Wm & Anna Rehner & T. Green were here one of the w^{ch} Benj. Smith came this afternoon from New Port -

1st day 28th Intend to take a shower bath this m'g. - apparently without injury, though an awkward operation with the use of but one leg - read in the bible & Dr Follen's Sermons. which please me very much with a deep devotional sentiment, his views do not antagonize as do those more or less in most other sects with the ordinary and sober deductions

of the understanding with which our Heavenly Father has blessed our voice. — It appears to me a perversion to adhere to a literal interpretation of a passage translated from a Dead Language thousands of years after its original promulgation, when such translation is repugnant to that Logic Rational & Spiritual which is dispensed with life ~~and~~ to every succeeding Generation of Man flesh; immediate from its Divine Author —

2^d day 29 — Contin^d. My writing in McGifford's Chair with some symptoms of a cold & slight inflammation of the internal membrane in the region of the Larynx ^{and} obliged me to support myself against the back of the Chair which I have not before been obliged to do when writing — Benth Smith left us this P.M. for Boston

3^d day 30th On returning to bed last ev^g. I found that the pain which had troubled me through the day became so much worse in a recumbent position that I breathed with difficulty — and had a wakeful night — On Dr. Bartlett's calling I had jugs of hot water applied to my sides, and was in a very uncomfortable state through the day, in bed but somewhat relieved towards ev^g. — Sat up an hour

4th day Sat up in very reclining position most of the day — but found on going to bed that the pain was rather more ^{severe} than in the morning — applied the bottles again. — Horatio Leonard was here ~~entirely~~ &

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with his assist^{ce} transacted some business in bed
4th day 31. Had an uncomfortable night and
kept my bed till wj. with an abate of the
inflammatory symptoms — C. W. Morgan called
who succeeded in effecting a disct. at the Med.
Bk — out of Season, it had been omitted by a mis-
understandg of my wishes by H. Leonard.

5th day 8th 1 — Better but still in Bed — The
pain in my loins on moog., which my uncomfort-
able feelings oblige me to do, sometimes leads to
the imprudent use of the same leg to the detriment of
the knee! — I therefore requested Dr Bartlett to put
the limb into a splint, which was done about
noon — and I found it a very complete affair very
perfectly adapted to secure the limb in an easy
and permanent position — An immediate use
of it on being confined, I think w. very much
have hastened its restoration — Read in Esqpy
book on the Philosophy of Storms — which my illness
has never permitted me to examine except very
cursorily — C. W. Morgan called to aid me in my pay.

6th day 2 — Better but yet in Bed — Most of
the day — Esqpy has interestingly occupied my
vacant hours — Knee better — Bro^r W. H.
called, and I sent for Geo Hurrey to assist in
preparing for a Com^{ce} to go to Boston tomorrow
My recumbent position almost precluding
the use of the pen — he with my wife acted

as my emmeneses —

7th day 3rd. The local pain abating, but still in Red — bro: Benj^m made a long call — Essey occupying my vacant time, together with the news of the day & Augst Hare &c sat up several hours in the eve — — Sarah Wister & W^m Logan were here 1st day 4th. Sat up all day in the easy Chair read in the Bible & Augst Hare — Alanson Tucker & bro: And^y & his daughter were here the latter part of the eve — Pain nearly gone, Swell^g of knee also. Edmund returned this morn^g. via New York, quite recovered from his Lenox illness, reports favorably of Sue who will return with young friends next week

2nd day 5th. Occupied in writing all day in the Easy Chair — most of the time without the Splint, but as the Swell^g was somewhat increased in the afternoon I replaced the Mechanical Support, It was however sent for soon after for a young man who had his leg broke by a fall from a wagon — and I made out very well without it — At Ev^g. another was sent and I used it as night. My dear Mother and Eliza, Sarah Wister & her little Rods — and nephew W^m Logan & his Son, were here at tea it was my intention to go below to see my aged Mother, but this was superseded by her coming up to see & sit with me. It was very pleasant to see her again with the others among us, it being the 1st time since her injury —

3. day 6th - Dispensed with the Splint, and moved about with my Crutches and changed my position at the writing desk more than usual, chiefly to test whether or not I could do so without injury - I do not yet find any recovery from it though the swelling increases a little when the limb is removed from its horizontal support -

- The funeral obsequies in testimony of the sense of our Citizens of the Nations loss in the death of our late President took place to day, The Participants in & witnesses of the Pageant embraced nearly the whole of our Population, including the "Ant. & Hon. Co." & one other military Company from Boston and great numbers from the neighboring towns - I heard the booming Minute guns & the Dirges of the Musicians at a distance, and had a glimpse of the military as they marched from the South up County Street and wheeled round of our houses to take their places in the procession on Walnut St.

- Edm^d. bro^r Geo^r Hawes with him to dinner and several others of Theo^d's friends were here afternoon & Frank Sprinell at tea - Mr^r. Benjⁿ & sister Susan were here - and our dear Sue came as ever with Mr. Hurrey & his sister from Springfield to day

4th day 7th This day like others has been chiefly spent in writing in the easy Chair - viz^y "Hurray & New Hurray" - bro^r. Benjⁿ. called

5th day 8th Tried the Splint again to day, the D^r. thinks it important to preserve the utmost quietude - but the article being imperfect in the workmanship broke and I laid it by - substituting a pillow to support the knee as the consent. flexure, and otherwise supporting the limb with the idea of approximating to the stability of the Splint - but I had a more uncomfortable afternoon than on any former occasion which was quite discouraging as setting to bed after near 4 weeks confinement, with an injury which gave no indication in use of infirmity, or scarcely any except a little swelling, which has much abated - Bro^r. Ch^r. & Benⁿ. Called, & Sister Sarah & Rodman in the ev^g. W^m. L. Fisher, & others were here, together with some of Mr^s. friends -

6th 9th Wrote in my Chair all day legs horizontal with knee elevated a little with a small pillow - found the effect uncomfortable - whole limb uneasy with the unchanged position and checked circulation W. L. Fisher was here to tea the weather looking unsettled prevented his Aunts coming also. C. Staples called 7th day 10th Concluded to try sitting with my feet on the floor employed as the desk all day in that position with no uneasiness in my knee but foot and leg a little so from the effects of previous constraint - at ev^g changed the position by elevating the foot by the extension Currier of M. G. Chair - Ch^r. Minot & Rodman Morgan here in the ev^g.

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1st day 11th Confined myself to my Chair with
feet on the floor till evg - Read in the bible, & ser-
mons &c went up to the Room in the evg
and saw And^a. Roberson F. M. Wild & Thos. H.
Green. Charles Minor was here at tea
- leg and foot a good deal swelled. Dr. Bartlett re-
commended the discontinuance of the Cold Water
- it being more than counteraction of the heat of the
local inflammation, reducing the tem^{re} below the
natural standard -

2^d day 12th Wrote in my Chair all day with
feet on the floor, but the Swelling of the knee
was increased and that of the leg and foot
more so which made me uncomfortable the
latter part of the time, so that I elevated my
leg in the evg - Dr Bartlett thinks Thomas's
knee is improving so that the journey to Boston
to consult Dr. Haywood, planned for tomorrow is
postponed - A joint or excursion to Van-
tucket for a few days has been decided on by
Rodman Morgan & his sister Perry - And our
Dr. Ellen and Sarah Hursey propose to be of
the Party, Ch. Minor (who called here today)
goes at the same time to visit his sister who
resides there - Bro^r. Benj^r was here
today & C. W. Morgan, and my useful

and Knid friend Dr Peirce, whom I commissioned to call at Dr. Folger's and get his Splint and have it repaired — the her: position of the leg without the apparatus being uncomfortable & therefore less favorable to restoration — he bro't a pair of Crutches for Tho^s &c

3^d day 13 — Wrote a letter to my Cousin Nath^l for our Dr. Ellen to take to Nantucket, for which with her Cousins &c she took passage in the Steamer at 10 O'Clock — weather favorable for a good passage — Occupied as my desk all day — with leg in the Splint — Swelling of knee & leg &c abating — renewed the wicks of the first Parlor lamp — for the first time since the long wicks were used to test the efficiency of the Strainer, in protecting the wicks in their Capillary attraction, by preventing the absorption of the impurities of the Oil which I find has surpassed my most sanguine expectations — on recurring to my notes in the 4th m^o — I find that C. W. Morgan's lamps were fitted on the 17th of that m^o — which was also about the time if not identical, that these wicks were put in — the time is therefore nearly four months and the action has been good throughout the whole — the short pieces removed were generally clean and in good condition — This removes all doubt as to

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the utility of the arrang^t. & the value of my
invention — A Rainy ev^g. will keep our Dr. Sue
at Geo Hurreys for the night — whether she went to the
S. Bonney was here to Chas under his Commission for
taking the Census of the U. S.
4th Day 14th had a call from Geo. Hurrey with
an unfavorable report from J^r. A Parker, in re-
ply to my application for a renewal of Guaranty
for my Paper to raise money for the Sth Mill Co^y
— the message though not a refusal, shows a re-
luctance to come into the arrang^t — other facts
of a discouraging nature he also stated — a call
from W^m. M^r. Garvey, and the purchase of his house
on Bedford S^t. to pay me the bal. due and request
me to make a deed in confirmation of his con-
tract, took up the latter part of the day — &
the search for and preparation of the deed took
up a good part of the afternoon — bro^r Benj^m
bro^r L. F. Brigham to take my acknowledg^t —
and — Ch. Morgan was here in the ev^g —
5th Day 15th — Worked at the Desk all Day —
Sister Sarah called, also bro^r W^m. towards
ev^g — to whom I stated my disappoint-
ment in relation to the expected Credit and
and sent to him an abstract of my ledger
of that of the Sth Mill Co^y &c — Eliz^a. Hurrey
with the family, at tea —

6th day 16th Occupied at the desk over the easy Chair as usual - knee a little more swelled since the jar received by the slip of the leg from the bed to the floor ^{yesterday} attended with occasional pain - Had a call from Geo. Hussey - and afterwards from bro^r Wm^m consequent on my com^{ing} with him and submission of statements with reference to my concerns, credit and necessities, I was sorry to find that he could not on acct. of his heavy liabilities for Charles do more than to be one of ten to give me a credit on adequate security of 50,000. our dear Ellen returned safe from Nant. with her young relations this afternoon

7th day 17th Employed as usual in my fixed position - had calls from Geo. Hussey, Hanson Tucker and Ch. Minot and had some conversation on business with each. had a call from Ezra M. Conner in the eve - who mentioned the rapid recovery of Asael Landers from an injury of the knee by the use as he supposed of Saltpetre dissolved in Spirit

1st day 18th Read most of the day in the Pentateuch, more impressed with the sublimity of Deuteronomy than I have been on any former perusal, had calls from E. M. Robinson Geo. Hussey, Ch. Hunter and several of Thos^s young friends called to see him - applied a solution of Amurate of ammoniac in

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Vinegar, recommended by Dr. Bartlett as more efficient in a similar way, than the recipe of Dr. Francis - Lamp burned poorly, the oil not getting to ^{the wick}

2^d day 19th - Busily engaged with my acct. in firmity about the same, no sensible effect from the renewal of application to the part - The children on a jaunt to Home neck with their Cousin Sarah Winter & Ch. Minor, then aunts Sarah & Susan, Uncle Ben, Rodman & Jesse, Eliz. Hussy, Saml & Sarah Howland - the day fine & the jaunt satisfactory - home about 9 - Mr. N.'s horses ran away before dett^y off, but Rodman jumped out, as one horse had got his bridle off - no injury of to persons followed - but considerable to vehicles &c.

3^d day 20th - Very busy all day at my easy chair desk, but got through early in the eve^g, so as to have the Compt. of my dear mother, sister E. S. Logan & her sweet little Rodman - took off the Sal ammoniac, the rigidity of the cloth from the vicissitude of the Salt being uncomfortable. Some pain which I thought might be thus caused - Swelling much abated but I do not yet venture to put any ^{new} weight on the limb.

4th day 21 - Very busy as usual daily cares pressing heavily and the future looking portentous

- wrote till late, and made here to, applied at night
 the Nitrate Spirits, which E. Francis said had
 been found so efficacious by Axel Landers
 - but I have no faith but in the recuperative power
 of the System on removing all antagonistic &
 opposing Causes - which I have aimed to do by
 perfect quietude of the limb in a horizontal
 position — On Sat. day ^{last} I examined the Strain-
 er of the lamp, which had been cleaned a few days before
 - and I found some remains of the Gummy, which I
 scraped off with the Knife, as I had done before.
 - The cloth of which it is made, does not appear
 to be Cotton Flannel, which I think the best, with
 the nap outside. — The nap of which (I think)
 arrests the gummy before it reaches the thread of the
 cloth, and enables it to be removed, without pene-
 trating it into the interstices of the thread, which I
 think was the case, on 2^d day, which rendered the
 Strainer more impervious to the oil than the loose
 mass of Gummy which had gradually been arrested as
 the oil was filtered in passing to the burner, ^{in the preceding 4 mos.} — so
 that when the viscosity of the oil within the frame of the
 Strainer, by passing under the lower edge, by the de-
 posite which settles there ~~the~~ was stopped, the oil did
 not filtrate so rapidly as it was consumed — But after
 the second operation it has done very well, and this
 evg. with the Chimney rather low, as I only used the

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light, — It burned with a brilliant unflag-
ging light for four hours — the lamp with the
burner wicks & strainer in, holds 1½ Gills of
Oil, the cost of this as I bot. it by the Corp. package
@ 46¢ per Gallon or $1 \frac{4375}{10000}$ of a $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Hence the hourly
expense for this exp. was $\frac{4375}{10000}$ of a cent. or about $\frac{38}{100}$ of a cent.
when burning at its max. effect the expense w. be probably
 $\frac{1}{2}$ more. or $\frac{54274}{100000}$ of a cent. per hour. — About 3 O'Clock
this afternoon Horatio Smith's Bakery on Middle
St. (half owned by me) caught fire, and was
chiefly destroyed above the 1st floor. The calm
state of the atmosphere and the promptitude
of the fireman prevented its spreading, and
preserved the walls standing, but so burnt
that all must be renewed above the 1st floor.
It was very promptly discoverd. and a single
pail of water at that moment would have
saved the establishment — fortunately but
little bread was unpacked, and what
was in tight casks, will probably be found
uninjured though the casks are much charred.
It is thought that the Ins. Co. will cover the loss.
5th day 22. Occupied in my confinement as usual —
Rodman Morgan called to take leave. He going with
his cousin of Wakefield this afternoon — Had a
call also from Horatio Smith, he states that the
bakery is about destroyed though the outside is

Standing above the first floor — all below is saved, and the flour on that floor was saved — there was but little bread unpacked, and that in tight casks is supposed to be uninjured though the casks are charred. He says the Insurance will cover the loss —

6th Day 23rd. Sister Lydia who ar^d yesterday to spend a few days with mother called to see me. She is pretty well and she left her family so — occupied with my writing as usual. C. W. Morgan called to borrow the inhaling can for the 4th day use of Anna Ward late Barker who ar^d to day from Boston and is unwell at the Parker House

7th Day 24th. busily employed with my pressing and anxious business cases — had a long call in the afternoon from Bro^r Wm^s, who is kindly disposed, but is so largely responsible for Charles that he cannot give me any efficient aid —

1st Day 25th. My reading to day has been chiefly the bible — read the Minutes (published) of the 10th yearly Mtg. of our Society and the London Gen^l Epistle — looked over the papers of yesterday to keep up in some degree with the current of passing events — Geo Hussey called. The weather very rainy with gale from the East and 2^d day 26th. Engaged as usual at my desk in the Easy Chair had a call from Mary Gifford who saw how useful I made the Chair which so kindly loaned me

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3rd day 27 - Engaged in my C^y. House duties in my fixed position - doing what I can in my very trying situation - Anna Ward and E. H. Arnold called, and William Brown of Phil^a. was here at tea, and Saml Thos. in his room

4th day 28 - Engaged in preparing a table to show the av^g. wt. of yds. to the pound in each bale sent abroad, to prove the value w^{ch} the eye alone cannot appreciate - Sister Susan & Eliza called the former read a late letter from William at San Francisco - Bro^r. Phineas and our niece Martha Tucker were also here.

5th day 29th Attended to my current business cares and gave my time otherwise to my table of averages to show the wt. of our cloth, to prove their intrinsic excellence in comparison with the waste yarn cloth of Hucker twist - C. A. Church was here in the afternoon to ask some explanations and settle his acct^s -

6th day 30th Occupied most of the day with my table Dr. Bartlett was here. My knee though less swollen has been somewhat painful for the last few days, though kept in a hor^z. position and as much as rest as ever laying the limb in the splint part of the time to favor a more free circulation of the blood than cushion

will permit— Machee H. has been troubled again to day with one of her nervous headaches, for which she tried the Dr's prescription of Ether, with some benefit — Sister Saml & Bro: Benjⁿ were here to day

7th Day 31st Occupied nearly all day with my cloth table which will require day of uninterrupted industry at least to complete — A. G. Sull was here in the evg. and reported the mill ready to start, the cause of the interrupted action of one of the Engines being the detaching of the St^h Valve from the rod by the failure of the thread to the Nut w^{ch} fastened it,

1st Day 1st — Read much of the day in the Bible and an hour in the afternoon aloud to Sally Hammond two London tracts, Memoir of L. Collingwood and one of St. Polycarp's Bishop of Smyrna. had unpleasant business news from N York — A call from Geo Hussy. And J^r Wm. Roberson. & Bro: Wm.

2nd Day 2nd — Spent the day almost wholly in writing letters on business — Our Son Frank who arrived at home unexpectedly yesterday M^g from Springfield via Newport, had his young friend who accompanied him to town and his affianced friend E. Hussy ~~also~~ — we learned to day that M^{rs} Horton the wife of the Episcopal Minister, who has been very ill since her recent confinement, died last night. My wife & Ed. called there this evg. Frank Grinnell also here

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3^d day 3^d busily occupied in my onerous
& anxious duties — knee about the same foot
more Swelled from the hor^l position — without
the Splint — Our Children and a party of their
young friend went to Horse Neck beach — It
began to rain soon after they set off, and con-
tinued for two hours with a most unusual
rapidity so that the gulf shown by the Rain
Gage was upwards of four Inches — They
Returned about ten O. Ck. having had a fair
afternoon and much less inconvenience by the
pouring rain than we anticipated. Sister Sarah
Fiske in the evg. much troubled that she permit-
ted Clara to be of the Company. Bro^r B. & Chs. were here
4th day 4th Writing &c at the desk with
my leg cradled in the Splint all day
experienced some pain — Our Children
at C. W. Morgan's in the evg. at her party of
the fam^y. Connections including Francis Dickinson
made for Miss Hudson of Hartford sister to
Maria Rotch's husband. Wrote to N. Barney Specialy
5th day 5th Occupied as usual — kept my leg in
the Splint — some pain but less than yesterday
— Great anxiety about my pecuniary con-
dition and the responsibilities of the Steam Mill
Co^y. under the discouraging state of the Markets
wrote to N. York for aid — our children at

John Howland this evg.

6th day 6th Spent the day at my accounts and in the evg. had A. G. Sull & Geo. Hussey here to consult on the state of our affairs - The meeting did not issue in any thing definite, though all wished, and the others hoped we could keep along - with some hope of being able to make some desirable change in our machinery &c which will put us on a level with any other establishment for the appearance & economy of the cloth while it will maintain its intrinsic superiority - Our children at Geo. Hussey's, except Edm^d - who left for Boston this afternoon - my knee in the spirit nearly all day, and free from pain - left the easy chair and sat and wrote at the table in the evg.

7th day 7th Spent the day in writing &c in my chair, rec^d. a kind offer from E. M. Rob^{ts} - hope not to require it
1st day 8th Spent the day in readg. the bible chiefly, the weather stormy with much rain, Jⁿ Hoskin called
2^d day 9th busily occupied as usual, used a com^{fy} chair with desk on the table most of the day - and walked some with the crutches Mother & sister Eliza were here at tea also E. Hussey, saw them after tea in the nursery where I have been confined for weeks
3^d day 10th Amiduously occupied as usual, bro^r William called in the evg. Jⁿ Hoskin called

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yesterday afternoon to show a portrait of bro. from
California whence he returned in the East Steamer
and he dined with the family to day, and saw Tho.
& me in my room.

4th day 11th. Busily engaged with my pressing
and anxious cares — had a call from Jo^s. C.
Edams on the subject of the new arrange. to
sustain my credit, which he gave me en-
couragement to think he would ^{in this way to return to Springfield} unite in — Fr. Lf.

5th day 12th. Engaged writing letters &c all
day — Jas. Arnold called on business, my
niece Anna Robison & Geo. Huerrey called, &
in the evg. Tho^s. C. Allen — Sister Phoebe has
had a cold for a day or two now very severe
in the form of a sore throat — Our dear Susan
is also quite unwell —

6th day 13th. Occupied in writing ^{letters} and ^{discreet} relative
relative to a claim by T. Parsons for surveying
Whf. Logs for the F. R. Whf. which I resisted at
the time as charged too high — afternoon & evg. at my
cloth average table at which I worked very late
Bro^r. W^m & C. W. Morgan called — the former had
an interview with W. R. Retch but without any
definite result.

7th day 14th. Occupied through the day with my
books and accounts very busily — A. G. Snell called
in the evg. he has returned from Boston, whither

he went in the hope of getting some Coal. But he did not succeed, the deficiency arises from the destruction of the late flood in the Penn^a. Coal regions on the Canal & R. Road which forms the Com^t with Phil^a.

1st day 15th Spent the day in reading in the bible with slight exception - Geo. Hursey called at the close of the afternoon viz -

2^d day 16th - Busily engaged at the desk by my easy Chair - with my feet sometimes on the floor - My S^r Mother was here in the eve at tea, and went below to be with her, and saved her the labor of coming up to see me - Sister E. did not come she being at Sally Read's with Nanny Wenzel - she called to take Mother home - A. G. Snell was here in the eve

3^d day 17th At my ordinary duties in my Room as usual Mr^s C. came down from his room this forenoon, the first time for about many weeks - he will probably be well before I am - I believe D. T. Bartlett has made his final call - at least on me - I went down again to tea and then spent the eve with my family which though pleasant is not so favorable for my work which presses so heavily on my hands and weighs down my spirits - Sister & Susan are better of their colds but Ellen has one coming on - C. W. Morgan called, and spent most of the eve - Sister S. not quite well - he showed the extraordinary letter of Ch^r. Hunter &c

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4th Day 18th Closely occupied with my letters till the startg. of the Cass - then had a call from E. C. Jones, who consented to join the party for my relief - bro. W^m. Called afterward to report that W R Hotch could not be relied on - afterward made off the acct. of the settle^{mt} of the Windlow's voyage, for the satisfaction of the owners - Tho^s. was below stairs again

5th Day 19th Worked all day & the evg. at my desk - attended not to great anxiety at the state of my affairs, and in great uncertainty, as to the proximate future - Tho^s.

Knee somewhat painful from the action of the past two days, so that he is still to day

6th Day 20th - At work at the Desk nearly all day - went up to Tho^s. & again to facilitate his taking a warm Doceh in the show I app^{ly} wrote in the evg. with a heavy heart - and painful forebodings -

7th Day ^{21st} Rose early and put new wicks in my working lamp. Those now replaced were new 8/13. but they were of the Com^{on} wick & not sufficiently large - but burned pretty well almost every night - a day of much anxiety

1st Day 22nd Read nearly all day in the bible had a call from Br. Charles Tho^s. Knee more swollen from moving

too much, under the Dr.'s recommendation
 2^d day 23^d - busily occupied with my
 correspondence &c - Tho^s had the iodine
 appl^d again to day - a considerable effusion
 under the patella - I move about con-
 siderably

3^d day 24th - gave some attention to one
 of Dr. Peirce's men in repairing the Shower
 with new cloth &c afternoon writing
 &c &c also - Tho^s knee appears a little
 better -

4th day 25th - Employed at my desk all day and
 met the Rock Wolf. Compt^y. in the Evg. in the
 Evg. Called to appoint a President &c T.D.
 Eliot one of the Compt^y. gave me the papers for ex-
 amⁿ. to carry into effect the new credit arrange-
 ment, ^{read things &} wrote out the doings of the Evg. ^{I proposed called} ^{late in the ev.}

5th day 26th - very busy all day - had two
 interviews with T.D. Eliot & ~~Frank~~ B.W. M.J.
 on the same business - which involves a good
 deal of trouble to have all completed. Had an
 interview with Nathan Brightman about
 my L.H. lamps - Geo. Hursey called
 at dusk, and conversed on our unfortunate
 Cotton business - Edm^d left this afternoon for Boston

6th day 27th - Engaged at my desk as usual, knee grad-
 ually improving - Tho^s also is thought to be slowly

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improving again. Edmund left for Boston ^{last} ⁴ P.M.
Our daughters had three of their young friends at tea, and
a severe thunder storm at the close of the evg, detained them
all night.

7th Day 28th Writing in my Chair most of the day, - had
a M^y. of a member of the ~~Stapill~~ ^{Stapill} ~~of~~ in the Library
in the evg. to consider on the course to be pursued, whether
to stop or not, on acct. of the very bad times - found
the choice of the alternative evils - too perplexing for
his decision. A Truck from Boston & Ch^s. Vermit & M^y. with M^y. & S^{rs}.

1st Day 29th Read in the dining room, nearly all day, and
after tea I wrote a letter to my son Francis in the nursery.
D. Bartlett was to see Thos. Kneel, to the^t it doing well
again - Geo. Hussey & C. W. Morgan called. The Bible
& the Mem^o. of T. Howell Prentiss were my books to day.
S. Hammond with us at dinner, I walk all my meals
below stairs.

2^d Day 30th Busily engaged with my O^f. House duties
in my Easy Chair, which were continued till very
late in the evg. - Edm^d returned this evg. from Boston
and entertained us with some of his incidents
connected with the Celebrated Songstress Jenny Lind.

3^d Day 30m^o. 1 Spent the forenoon at my usual
occupation, saw D. T. Boston in Thos. room. His
Patience seems to be improving decidedly again
in the afternoon and evg. Spent a considerable
time in preparing for a new trial with my

L.H. Lamp Some alterations suggested by my past experience with them having been made with one of them to test their efficacy at home, I found on filling the fountain that its Capacity was 572 parts of my Graduated Glass measure $37\frac{1}{2}$ being one Gill makes the qt. $13\frac{65}{100}$ Gills or $1\frac{523}{8}$ qts. I imbedded the lower end of the Strainer in tallow while hot to observe with what facility the filtration went on fine Cotton Flannel being used - I found that it passed with great facility filling the inner space allotted to the burner to the level of the oil in the reservoir in a few minutes - a slight leak in the lamp made me postpone the lighting till it could be repaired - Geo. Huxley A.C. and C.W. Morgan called to see me - Abby Huxley her mother & her nephew S.H. Rodman & wife in the evg. Nancy Maxwell called but I did not see her neither A.H. S. & Em. 4th day 2^d. Engaged at my aut. & Correspondence nearly all day & evg. - till very late - Had a call this m. from Dennis Pratt and three women from the Shaker Com. of Shirley - The object of the call was for one of the young women, who had worked in our factory to make confession of her delinquency while there in shortening the Cuts of Cloth, as this was very common among the weavers as they were taken from the loom, this she had done when she had made bad places near the end to save the trouble of picking it out - and sometimes she had done

so when there was no such reason - she seemed to make the confession with a proper sensibility and apparent contrition. The elder lady said it was one of their rules with all who were permitted to remain with them that this confession should be made in all cases - If the individual had the means of making pecuniary restitution she would do it but she had not and they did not think the Com^y. bound to apply their own "Consecrated" to such purposes - The Girl said she did not think that she had taken more than 15 or 20 yds - I treated her kindly and was glad that the poor child who was surrounded by unfavorable influences had been favored to see and shun the evil which she had led her into dishonesty - They seem like a very sincere though in some of their opinions, a very mistaken people - and such devotion to what they believe to be the truth is deserving of all praise - and we may all take a lesson for our greater lukewarmness to the high interests of the Soul.

5th Day 3. Occupied intensely with my business cares and duties through the day & Ev^g - I take my meals below stairs when not prevented by writing for the mail, which is not infrequently
6th Day 4th Occupied as usual Bro^r Benjⁿ and Ch^r were here, and E. Drinker yesterday - Mother & Sister C. were with us, I spent the ev^g with them in the Lib^ry, and then worked pretty late at S^r Will's business
7th Day 5 Very closely engaged till the close of

the Mail Pk - and then less intensely till the hour
of retiring - Gave up my Easy Chair to day that
Thos. might have the use of it but on trial we found
it less comfortable than the sofa. I have not mind
it disagreeably though I sleep pretty quiet, my knee
getting better again, had a pipe to connect the show-
app. with the waste pipe of the bath Room put
in by Wood Brightman & Co

1st day In the Library all day, meals excepted, my
leg less supported than usual - read chiefly in Geo.
Fox's Journal. The preface by Wm Penn is very well
written and in the true spirit of the Great Reformer
and the whole is very instructive. S^r Hammond
not here to day - the weather probly preventing
2^d day 7th Occupied in the nursery at the desk
with much anxiety in regard to pending liabilities,
barrid in making a cloth average table adopted,
to single prices as the other made ($\frac{3}{4}$ complete) some
weeks was for Bales

3^d day 8th Our children viz Edm^d to attend his sisters
Sue & Ellen went this morn. to Boston to hear the Swedish
Sangster Jenny Lynd, a step not warrantable in the pres-
ent state of my pecuniary affairs, but their bro Thomas
wished them to have the gratification and presented them
each with a ticket - They will stay by invitation at their
Cousin Martha Tucker's - Spent the evg. in the Library
4th day 9th Having my desk below stairs I spent the

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day. Chiefly in the Liby, which in point of temperature
is more comfortable, a little fire being now required.
Had a call last evg. from J. F. Dearborn in relation to T.
Pantow's Claim - and this forenoon one from Cony
as a friend, whom in soundness I often met in my walks
to the College - Our dear children ar? about 10 1/2 weeks
much pleased with the excursion and the melody of
J. L. - D. Bartlett wrote for D. Hayward yesterday to
hold a consultation in regard to Thomas Kne which does
not improve for the last few days, but he did not hear
from him as he expected this evg.
5th day 10th. Wrote, or occupied with my accounts all
day in the Library - My own knee by too much use
or by injudicious treatment, seems rather to have retrograded
and lately. I have therefore kept more still than usual
- I have had no application except a wet bandage
night and morning to allay the local heat which
has been experienced, and friction night and morning -
Had calls this evg. from O. W. Morgan A. G. Smith Thos. A. Green
H. M. T. Russell - The latter by request in relation to
the L. H. Expert. He was very kind as usual, and had given
no authority for W. Shearman's opposition, but told him-
self ready at any time order the latter give me every
facility, my less hopeful condition as to the early use of my
lame knee, I fear may now oblige me to lose another
season - but I will try to hope otherwise. Agreed with
A. G. S. to have a M. J. of the Directors of the S. M. Co. 7th day

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6th day 11th. A Letter from Dr. Haward to Dr. Bartlett was recd. and agreeably with its announcement the former ar^d in the M^d. Carr. — They called about 11, and Tho^s. limb was carefully examined — He thought with great care, and patience he would have it restored to soundness, his being seen very sensible and his acquaintance with such affections very thorough both from Study and observation in his extensive Hospital and other practice — He approves Dr. Bartlett's treatment, and this is a great Satisfaction to all parties. — who with the suggestion of Dr. H. and the Confidence which his approval will give him, together with the docility of our Dear Son, we hope will in time restore him to the full use of his important limb — His remarks has led me to the belief that I have erred in not keeping my knee more entirely at rest, thus confirming Dr. Bartlett's opinion, as my own experience now has, and also that the rubbing treatment which I have pursued for the last ten days or more, though chiefly confined to the parts above and below the joint has been unwise and injurious — Dr. H. declined our invitation to dine. Dr. B. having pre-occupied him — he spent half an hour very agreeably with us in the Library after his second visit (when I was not present) in Thomas' Room —

7th day 12th had my Desk moved into the Dining Room & my books bro^t. down stairs, where I removed afterwards at my accounts till w^e. when I went into the Library

to meet the Directors of the N. M. Mill Co. - Pres^r. Gustavus -
 Jay H. Sull & Thos. C. Allen - The very bad State of the
 Cotton business and our pecuniary embarrassments made
 it very difficult to decide on the best course to be pursued
 The M^y. ended without any Conclusion - as to the future

the difficulties on every hand appearing to greatly
 our ^{own} ^{prosp.} ^{Howland} made me a friendly Cafe

1st. Day 13th. My read^g. to day has been chiefly in the
 bible and the Mem^o. of T. F. Buxton in my Stationary
 position in the Dining Room - Ma Chen H's Eye being in-
 flamed I read to her at considerable length in the Balm
 in the eog, and a Sermon from A. Hare's Volume

2nd. day 14th. at work all day at my generalizing
 Calculation relating to the Cotton mill

3rd. - 15 - Similarly employed had one or
 two Calls - Geo Huxsey here. very anxious for
 the mill business - He & W. R. R. with guarantors for them

4th. Day 16 - My dear aged Mother made me a call
 yesterday, Thos. has tried the Gutta Serena Splint-
 but from some lack of Skill perhaps, in its ap-
 plication it did not promise well and was
 given up - for the present at least

5th. Day 17 Attended to my anxious business all
 day preserving my leg in the most quiet position possi-
 ble with giving up any time to it - I sit with very
 slight exception with it in a hor^z. position

6th. Day 18 - Engaged as usual, gave some
 attention to my L. H. Lamp last ev^g. but a leak pre

vented, the same ~~was~~ before, a trial of it - Bro. Benjⁿ was
here to day - and Sister Lydia spent part of the evg
with us calling just as we had left our egg meal
of which the Pastors.

7th Day 19th - busy as my desk as usual. put a
new wick into the thick ^{having been in since 9.20.15.16} ~~renewed~~ ^{burned} ~~burner~~ of the Pastor
lamp - The others ^{having} ~~burned~~ well till by their
reduced length they ceased to reach the oil directly by ^{using}
having the leak in the Lt. Lamp stopped I lighted it, but the
wick crusted badly though the oil is the same that burns
exceedingly well in the Stand^d lamps. Al. Seale and
Leonard Taber spent the evg. with me. on mill business.

1st Day 20 - Made a visit to Tho.'s room in the morning
and passed the day in the Liby, returning to the Dinj. room
at dark to use the L. H. Lamp which is too unsightly for
Pastor use - I have not seen Tho. before, since Dr.
Hayward was here, the great quietude of the limb w^{ch} I
have observed having now bro't it back to about the point
at which it was two weeks ago, all use & friction having
been suspended - The lamp was burned last evg. 5th.

burned twice & this evg. 5¹/₂ hours burned once after lighting
- The Oil is the same as that burned with entire success in
the Stand^d lamps. I think the circulation to heat the pres-
tain may reduce the temp^t of the oil at the burner too
low. - Orig^l charge 572 parts, meas^d only 340. allow^g 10 for
the absorption of the wicks & adhesⁿ to lamp we have 162 parts
consumed divided by 10¹/₂ = 15⁴/₁₀₀ parts of oil or ^{41.12}/₁₀₀ Gall. Ch^l Hunter called

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2^d day 21st Engaged with my C^y. H^l. duties after filling or rather emptying and then returning the Oil to the L^t. H. lamp to ascertain the results stated in Note of yesterday - had a call from Geo Hursey & M. R. Hatch soon after 2 O'Clock on mill business and, lighting the Lamp (leaving stopped the lower tube at the reservoir) at 5 1/2 O'Clock, it burned with great Splendor till 10, and then was somewhat cresting - retired about 11 - when it was extinguished when it would probably have been burning all the light which Ist desired till 12^o or later

3^d day 22^d Had one of Fairbanks small weighing machines to aid me in my lamp experiments, with tablet &c w^g. from 1/2 OZ to 60 lbs weighed the paraffin lamp, filled, that with Comp^d. Chimney Shade &c w^g. 5 5/16 lbs and that with the Glass Chimney 5 3/16 lbs. the L^t. H. lamp with stone pedestal &c w^g. (only partially full) 14 1/16 lbs, it burned 7 3/4 hours trimmed rather low and once cresting the weight diminished 3/4 of a pound about 1 1/2 OZ p^r. hour. The lamp was charged p^r. men^r. 10/1 - with 512 parts the residuum now measured 610 say allowing for the absorption by the wicks 112 leaving for the consumption 400 parts time of burning on 4 evenings a fraction less than 24 hours or 16 2/3 parts of the graduated glass p^r. hour equal to 16 2/3 / 37 1/2 of a Gill, as it did not burn well the first & the 2^d of the rate of burning with fair success w^o. not have been less than 1/2 Gill p^r. hour which by the way is nearly double what Ist have considered the consumption of the Stand^d. Lamp^{ch} w^o.

hold 1 1/2 Gills and last about 4 hours at usual rate of saturation - Occupied with my business at the Desk and in the evg. had a consultation with J. H. W. Page in conjunction with W. H. Lotch & Geo. F. May on the Steam Mill affairs - Benj. Smith of Phil^a around the evg from Boston - Our children at a party at Joseph Grinnell's - I wrote till after they came home, say till the morning of the following day - I keep as still, on my lame leg as still as possible while attending to my affairs at the desk - move it only on the most

necessary occasions - Tho' my hope is improving. 4th day 23^d. Emptied my lamp (L.H.) and sent it to the Steinmans to have the upper tube stopped & the Valve Wire weighted - D. P. Peirce brot. my other L.H. lamps from the Cottage. & my bro. B. brought the Superannuated one from the Steinmans' supposing that it was that sent this m. for slight alteration - I went through the whole process of examining their Condition as to cleanliness, though all been cleaned found the air tubes had been wholly neglected, and were in a very filthy and obstructed condition - I cleaned them and bevelled the top edge of the air tube to prevent the oil getting over so freely as to drop from the bottom of the tube. - which I found to be the case - attended to my current C.G.H. affairs, and read a pamphlet sent to me by Dr. Hayward on the diseases of the knee joint & had calls from several of my relatives &c.

5th day 24th. Weighed the parlor lamps when full without chimneys the thick rimmed burner without strainer was 4 1/2^{lb} the other thin rimmed with strainer 4 10^{lb} - I hang rec^d. the L.H. lamp with the upper tube stopped - and having attached the dripping cup, and filled the

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Reservoir as high as the Orifice of the fountain with
130 parts of Oil, the weight of the whole lamp and Oil
with the empty fountain without Chimney But
with Stone pedestal &c was $13 \frac{4}{16}$ lbs
on filling the fountain with 500 parts Oil $16 \frac{10}{16}$
 $3 \frac{6}{16}$ lbs being the wt. of Oil in fountain 130 of semi-
parts filled the reservoir as above the wt. of
oil $16 \frac{10}{16}$ lbs. making the whole wt. of Oil - $4 \frac{4}{16}$ lbs
which deducted from the wt. of the Lamp &c $12 \frac{6}{16}$
is left for the wt. of the lamp &c without Chimney $7 \frac{3}{16}$
being added for the Glass Chimney Shade from $12 \frac{13}{16}$
the whole wt. of Lamp &c Empty, add to wt. of Oil $4 \frac{4}{16}$
and we have the total wt. of Lamp &c Oil $17 \frac{11}{16}$
Occupied with my Cf. Hour duties, in the Day Room
as usg. Lighted the lamp and burned it $5 \frac{1}{2}$ hours Consumed $10 \frac{10}{16}$
lbs. not brilliant, but answered without trimming. Sis-
ter Sarah and Ch^d called at diff. times to take leave
on the eve of their departure for Phil^a & Dear cousin
John works - Had a call from T. M. Brown relating to the Case.
6th Day 25 Occupied as usual with my leg elevated
and at rest as heretofore, but no improve^t. being per-
ceived I consulted Dr. Bartlett when he called to see
me and we concluded to try warm fomentations
tomorrow - burned the lamp 5 hours Consumed $4 \frac{5}{16}$ Oil
light not brilliant but it answered my purpose
part of the time using the Pocket tabers of Logan's
of the Day 26th Engaged much as usual had fomen-
tations applied to the knee with a decoction of
the white hellebore root & Wild Cherry, removed my
books desk &c into the Library to facilitate the
new treatment - Lighted the L.H. lamp as usual &
after it had burnt a little more than an hour I applied

a Sad air holder to the front side of the burner case which increased the light, by checking the radiation of the heat - after burning 2 hours I took off the Crust from the vessels and raised them, this was done at 7th 10m - it then burned with great splendor till it was extinguished at 11 - approx-
imate qty. of Oil consumed $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ absolute qty. not known, as in trying by stand^g the lamp on an uneven surface - some oil flowed over & saturated the cloth covering on the front side of the burner Case - Attempted to have a m^y of the St. mill Director but - A. G. Snell only came, and nothing definite could be done
1st day 27th Read in the bible and in Duttons memoirs most of the day - retired early, had calls from Geo. Hursey & Rodman. F. M. Weld & continued the the fomentation. -

2^d day 28th Resumed my Cp. House duties - bro^r - Benj^r & his daughter Eliz^d Weld and on cousin Sarah Harrison daughter of Jacob Parker of New Orleans called, she came from Boston with F. & E. W. to spend 1st days - S. H. is a fine looking woman of about 35 and has quite a look of her grand father & grand family - burned the lamp 5 hours, the Crust formed while the oil was heating was not removed which caused it to burn less brightly, Oil consumed 17/16 lb The front air nearly exhausted, but 2nd O². nearly was transferred to the Reservoir by interposing a thick wire, between the shoulder of the fountain & the hook to permit the oil to flow a little higher in the burner Case - whole time 5^h 50^m 25^h 1st h. 3rd nearly 2nd h. 1st hour.

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3^d day 29th Occupied in the forenoon in preparing for my Payments in Boston to morrow — payments of large am^t for the St. ^{Wm} which have caused me great anxiety — My Dear aged mother was here this ev^g. to tea — very well and pleasant — Sister Eliza was not with her. The being at — Mary Getford with Lydia Barney & Lydia Greene (who called here yesterday) to tea — Anna Roberson called — as did Emma yesterday — My br^r Wm. returned last ev^g. from his business visit in N. York —

4th day 30th Occupied with my usual duties continuing the fermentations with some benefit.

5th day 31st Busy as usual at the desk — br^r Wm. called in the ev^g — had a call from Nathan Brightman about the lamps. A G. Smith also here hoping for a M^g of the Directors of the St. ^{Wm} Co^y. to decide something in relation to the mill — but no meeting was called.

6th day 11 m^o 1 — Occupied as usual — with my disheartening business — The continual recurrence of unfulfilled promises without adequate means for their fulfilment occasioning great anxiety —

7th day 2^d Our Son Francis unexpectedly arrived this M^g — via New York — one day sooner than we expected — Had a M^g of Directors this ev^g. and some progress was made towards a decision in relation to the mill —



